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The Morning Star.

OUTLINES.

Ohio Republican legislative caucus have nominated Gen. Chas. M. Dick to succeed Senator Hanna. —— Russians claim to have destroyed four Japanese fireships at Port Arthur. —— It is reported unofficially that Japanese lost two cruisers and two transports while attempting to land at Pigeon Bay. —— A Russian report says that Japan has deposed the Emperor of Corea and formally annexed that country. —— Russians have not yet crossed the Yalu river. —— The Japanese national loan has been covered nearly four times. —— Japan has negotiated a treaty with Corea, guaranteeing the integrity and independence of that country. —— Many small speculators were wiped out yesterday in New Orleans by a break in the cotton market there. —— Debate on the Naval Appropriation bill continued in the House; in the Senate various matters were discussed. —— Three men killed and eighteen others injured in an explosion at Waukegan, Ill. —— Russia has issued a proclamation in Manuchuria, warning inhabitants to prevent encroachments of Chinese on Russian territory. —— Sailors from a Spanish and an American warship had a fight at St. Thomas, D. W. I.; several were wounded; the Americans were the victors. —— Fire at Rochester, N. Y., caused loss estimated at $150,000. —— Fire at New Decatur, Alabama; loss $150,000. —— Fire at Little Rock, Arkansas, caused a loss of $75,000. —— New York markets: Money on call was steady at 2 per cent; cotton quiet at 14.30c; flour quiet, but firmly held; wheat—spot firm, No. 2 red $1.07; corn—spot firm, No. 2 nominal; oats—spot firm, No. 2 54@57c; rosin quiet; spirits turpentine easy at 64½c.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. Dep't of Agriculture, Weather Bureau, Wilmington, N. C., Feb. 24.

Meteorological data for the twenty-four hours ending at 8 P. M.:

Temperatures: 8 A. M., 48 degrees 8 P. M., 63 degrees; maximum, 72 degrees; minimum, 45 degrees; mean, 58 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00; rainfall since first of the month to date, 1.99 inches

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—For North Carolina—Fair Thursday and Friday; light to fresh north winds.

Port Almanac—February 25

Sun Rises	6.39 A. M.
Sun Sets	5.49 P. M.
Day's Length	11 H. 10 M.
High Water at Southport	2.15 A. M.
High Water Wilmington	4.45 A. M.

A sage says "Money does not make happiness." Yes, but we are willing to give it a chance.

If Russia can't put up any better scrap than she is doing she ought to keep off the grass and keep the road clear for land-grabbers as can grab and fight off the other grabbers.

Mr. Small Potatoto is bobbing along as usual and most likely to float into some office so much too large for him that he will constantly be tumbling all over the bottom.

Cablegrams from Hong Kong and Canton say it is rumored that the Chinese empress dowager is dead. Like as not somebody has carried her off in a tow sack during a dark night.

One rallying cry of the Republican party is "Confidence," but its confidence game is about played out. A big Baltimore concern has hit the ceiling and announces "over-confidence" as the cause.

Judge Parker is said to have a literary bureau but his press agent does not seem to be working North Carolina. Perhaps he has already had the thing promised to him by somebody who can come very nearly delivering the goods.

It is said that the ratification of the Panama canal treaty on Tuesday clinches a fee of $2,000,000 for William Nelson Cromwell, of New York, one of the best known corporation lawyers in the United States. He was the general counsel of the French Panama Canal Company.

The new treaty under which China agreed to open up the port of Muckden to American trade has been signed at Pekin. Russia, however, is in charge at Muckden, and how is China to attend to the "open door" unless Roosevelt goes over with the Rough Riders and runs Russia off the grass?

A cablegram states that Russia has decided not to give exequaters to Roosevelt's recently appointed consuls at Manchurian points. It looks like China ought to be the party consulted. The consuls are on the way there and the Washington authorities are considering what is to be done about it.

A French resident of Wilmington says Ruscin's navy may be blown out of the waters, but nothing can avert overwhelming and crushing defeat for the Japanese as soon as slow moving Russia can pour a million troops into Manchuria. He says as fast as one army melts away before the Japs others will keep coming down on them until they are overpowered like the Confederate armies.

LOCAL DOTS.

— The W. C. T. U. will meet this afternoon at 4 o'clock at the First Baptist church.

— Pay your poll tax before May 1st or you cannot vote in the State and Presidential elections to be held in November next.

— Linden Grove No. 2, United Ancient Order of Druids, will celebrate its tenth anniversary to-night with elaborate exercises.

— The big road roller was being used yesterday in compressing the surface of the macadam on Second, between Dock and Orange streets.

— Teets' circus will probably appear in Wilmington in the near future. Lithographic matter came by express yesterday for the bill boards.

— There were only three cases in the municipal court yesterday. Two defendants, charged with drunkenness, were fined $5 and costs and a boy convicted of riding a bicycle on the sidewalk was turned over to his mother for chastisement.

— The Corporation Commission Tuesday made an order changing the freight classification of empty tobacco hogsheads from double first-class to second class. This is equivalent to a reduction of about 60 per cent. in freight rates on hogsheads.

— Raleigh *News and Observer*: "Prof. M. C. S. Noble was here yesterday on his way to his home at Chapel Hill, after a visit to Wilmington. He has also just visited Pender county and while on Moore's Creek Battle Ground secured a canister shot of the Revolutionary war period. This had been shot into a a tree from which it was taken."

THE KNOWLES, GREAT HYPNOTISTS.

Another Highly Satisfactory Exhibition.

Window Subject Attracted Attention.

The Knowles gave another startling exhibition at the Academy of Music last night, well pleasing the large audience in attendance. The opening feature of the evening was the awakening of the lady who had been in a hypnotic sleep for 24 hours and had been on exhibition in the show window of Gaylord's Racket Store on North Front street. Yesterday afternoon a committee of gentlemen witnessed Prof. Knowles' startling exemplification of the art of telepathy with the subject in full view of a large gathering of people on the sidewalk in front of the window. The test was satisfactory and wonderful indeed.

To-night Prof. Knowles will give the "rock crushing exhibit" as a feature of the performance. A subject will be hypnotized and made to assume a perfectly rigid position; then placed on the backs of two chairs, a heavy stone will be placed on the breast and broken with a sledge hammer wielded by the strongest man obtainable. Saturday afternoon a matinee of special interest to ladies and children will be given at reduced prices.

LOCAL MARKETS AND SHIPPING.

Arrival of Fruit Schooner—Cotton and Naval Stores—Tolosa Departs.

Schooner "Harold J. McCarty" cleared yesterday for Port-au-Prince with cargo of lumber, consigned by S. & W. H. Northrop.

Cotton receipts yesterday were only 28 bales against 1,026 same day last season. The local market is unchanged.

Crude turpentine declined on the local market yesterday to $2.25 per barrel for hard and $4 for dip.

Schooner "M. C. Haskell," hence for Baracoa, Cuba, with cargo of lumber, and British steamer "Tolosa," hence for Liverpool with cotton, passed out at Southport at 3 P. M. yesterday.

The steamer "City of Nassau" arrived at Southport from Nassau at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon with part cargo of oranges and other fruit which will be brought up to the city to day. The vessel and cargo is to Messrs. J. A. Springer & Co., and after discharging the schooner will be loaded with shingles for the West Indies.

Mr. Albright's Position.

Mr. Percy R. Albright, who comes from the North Carolina Car Service Association at Raleigh to the Atlantic Coast Line in Wilmington on March 1st, will be assistant to Mr. R. E. Smith, who is first assistant to General Manager Kenly. There will be no change in the office, and Mr. Smith will continue in his present position. It was found that his work was sufficient to require an assistant, and the new place was offered to Mr. Albright. The family of Mr. Albright will accompany him to Wilmington.

Wedding at Society Hill.

Yesterday afternoon's Florence (S. C.) *Times*: "R. S. McIver passed through the city this morning in his private car, going to Society Hill, where at 1 o'clock this afternoon at Trinity church he is to be married to Miss Bessie Wilds Lucas. The bride is a daughter of Major Jonathan J. Lucas and is a young lady of rare accomplishments. Mr. McIver is auditor of the Coast Line here. Mr. and Mrs. McIver will pass through the city this afternoon going North on their wedding trip."

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

House and Lot—For sale.
Clerk of Court—Legal notice.
Germania Lodge, K. of P.—Notice.
Guion & Davis—Delightful pleasure

BUSINESS LOCALS.

Cape Fear Camp—Notice.

SOLOMON BEAR DEAD.

Well Known and Highly Esteemed Citizen of Wilmington Passed Away Yesterday.

FUNERAL THIS AFTERNOON.

Prominent in Affairs of Business, Church and Country—Staunch Friend of the Confederacy and Leading Member of Veterans' Society.

Mr. Solomon Bear, one of Wilmington's most prominent, wealthy and highly esteemed Hebrew citizens, passed away at his home, No. 116 North Fifth street, yesterday morning at 9 o'clock after an illness of several days with acute heart disease. While the announcement of Mr. Bear's death was not entirely unexpected, it was received by hundreds of friends and acquaintances in the city with the utmost regret. He was a man of splendid qualities, shrewd in business, kind in disposition, charitable to a fault, upright, honest and fair in his every dealing with his fellow man. To his church, his family and friends he was strongly devoted and his loss to them and to the community at large will be greatly felt. He had been in feeble health since the death of his brother, the lamented Samuel Bear, Sr., last August, but not until the past few days was it known that he was near to death's door. The night before he died he conversed with members of his family and friends and made a beautiful toast in honor of his nephew, Mr. Henry Clay Bear and his bride, who had just been married.

LONG AND USEFUL CAREER.

Mr. Bear was born at Oettershavsen, Province of Bavaria, Germany, on March 16th, 1834, and at the time of his death was in the 70th year of his age. He came to North Carolina in 1853, and soon after locating in Wilmington, when a mere boy, began the dry goods business on Market street. In 1879 at the same location he opened a large wholesale liquor establishment under the firm name of Sol. Bear & Co., and was engaged there until the time of his death. The firm enjoyed the unique distinction of being the longest in existence under a single proprietorship of any in the city. Mr. Bear's business career was highly successful and he leaves an estate worth many thousands.

HIS SERVICE TO CONFEDERACY.

During the Civil War he was a gallant Confederate soldier, but his health was not such as would permit of very active service. On April 15th, 1861, he enlisted as a corporal in the German Volunteers of this city, which, with three other companies from Wilmington, went to Fort Caswell and took possession. Mr. Bear was not strong enough to do marching, and during the Fall of 1861 he was transferred to a cavalry company commanded by Capt. William C. Howard, of Wilmington. He served with conspicuous devotion to the Confederacy in that command, for two years but on account of disability in 1863, he was detailed to a hospital in Richmond, Va., known as the United States Hotel Hospital, were he served as a messenger until Nov. 10th 1884, when, on account of ill health, he was discharged from the army and upon application of Governor Vance and Gen. Whiting, he was given permission by Secretary of War Sedden, to go to Europe for his health. On Nov. 20th 1864, he left Wilmington on a blockade runner and was detailed to purchase supplies for the Confederacy abroad. Mr. Bear was a staunch supporter of the Confederate cause. On Christmas of 1903, he sent a large donation of fine wine, cigars and tobacco to his less fortunate comrades in the Soldiers' Home at Raleigh. No one in need ever approached Mr. Bear without finding a warm friend who would give every relief.

In token of their appreciation of his unswerving devotion to the Lost Cause, the Daughters of the Confederacy, called at the residence yesterday and placed upon the bier a laurel wreath, bound with Confederate colors. Mr. Bear was a member of Cape Fear Camp No. 354, United Confederate Veterans, and his comrades of that organization are called to assemble at the W. L. I. armory, in uniform, this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock for the purpose of attending the funeral in a body. The obsequies will be conducted at 4 o'clock from the family residence and the remains will be laid to rest in Oakdale cemetery.

IN HIS PRIVATE LIFE.

Mr. Bear was one and the last to pass away of five brothers who came to North Carolina before the war. Of the immediate family a sister, Mrs. J. Fernberger, of Germany, now survives. Mr. Bear was married to Miss Henrietta Demelman, of Richmond, Va., on August 21st, 1867. She preceded him to the grave in July, 1900. The surviving children are: Mrs. S. A. Schloss, Mrs. Sol Sternberger, Mrs. I. J. Sternberger, Mrs. Julius Sternberger, Miss Viola Bear, Messrs. Isadore, Irving and Master Frederick Bear. They have the sincerest sympathy of many in their deep bereavement.

CHURCH AND STATE AFFAIRS.

Mr. Bear was the founder and almost literally the "architect and builder" of the Temple of Israel, which stands a monument to his fidelity to the church at southeast corner of Third and Market streets. He was the first president of the congregation and discharged the duties of that office with singular devotion until his death. In 1898 the congregation celebrated a special thanksgiving service commemorative of the 25th anniversary of Mr. Bear's presidency and he was presented with a loving cup in token of the congregation's appreciation of his valuable services.

The fraternal spirit was strong in Mr. Bear's fine character and besides being a member of the Temple of Israel and the Confederate Veterans, he was also a Past Chancellor of Germania Lodge No. 4, K. of P., a member of the Endowment Rank, No. 221 K. of P., a member and officer of the North State Lodge No. 232, Independent Order of B'nai B'rith; a member of Cornelius Harnett Council, Royal Arcanum, the Chamber of Commerce and other organizations. Members of Germania Lodge, K. of P. are called to assemble at their lodge room this afternoon for the purpose of attending the funeral in a body. All other Pythians of the city are also invited.

COLUMBUS TELEPHONE COMPANY.

Metallic Circuit Being Installed All Over the System—Long Distance Service.

The STAR learns from Mr. S. F. Craig, manager of the Columbus Telephone Company, that he hopes within 30 days to have all his system connected by metallic circuit, greatly improving the service and affording patrons all along the line long distance connection through the exchange of the Southern Bell Co., in Wilmington.

The points at present connected by the system are Wilmington, Southport, Cronly, Councils, Lake Waccamaw, Bogue, Whiteville, Chadbourn, Clarendon, Cerro Gordo, Boardman, Clarkton, Bladenboro and Elizabethtown.

A metallic circuit has already been put in from Wilmington to Southport and from Wilmington to Cronly. The construction force is now working from Cronly and will first complete the metallic circuit to Clarkton and then finish up the rest of the lines to the other points previously named.

At present conversation can be had very distinctly with Southport and Cronly, but talks with Whiteville, Chadbourn and other points in that part of the system are so indistinct that the central at Cronly has to repeat them to and from the points not yet reached by the metallic circuit. When the metallic circuit is finished conversations can be had direct with all the points on the system, which embraces several hundred miles of wire.

The Columbus Telephone Company now has exchanges at Southport, Cronly, Whiteville, Chadbourn, and Clarkton, and Manager Craig states that the company is doing a very encouraging business.

THE SMALLPOX SITUATION.

No New Cases Yesterday and All Patients Fast Recovering—Adjacent Counties.

smallpox situation yesterday and all the patients were reported to be recovering rapidly. The young man Register, who left the quarantined residence of Dr. Anders, yesterday wrote his brother from Elizabethtown that he was doing all right and had experienced not the least fear of the disease. Vaccination in the city is going on rather rapidly, though there is no alarm, a majority of the people appearing entirely indifferent to the situation. The Clarkton *Express* of yesterday says:

"The health authorities report thus far fourteen cases of smallpox in Bladen county, with two deaths. The two that died both had the confluent type, one being the hemorrhagic or 'black smallpox' variety. The other twelve had the discrete type and some few cases were so mild that it was called chickenpox by the neighbors, notwithstanding the fact that the severe type and light form were both caught from the same person. These cases are all well or convalescent. There has only been one case anywhere near Clarkton and that one was quarantined before it had fully developed, nearly three weeks ago."

FIRE LOSSES ADJUSTED.

Clothing Stock of Mr. I. Shrier Sold to Joe Simon, Syrian Merchant.

The insurance upon the stock of Mr I. Shrier, northeast corner of Front and Princess streets, was satisfactorily adjusted yesterday and the store will be reopened this morning. The damage was principally by water. The entire stock of clothing was yesterday sold to Joe Simon, the Syrian merchant, on South Front street, and Mr. Shrier and his head salesman, Mr. E. L. Davis, will leave Saturday night for the North to purchase an entirely new Spring stock. In the meantime orders have been telegraphed for goods for immediate sale and they are expected in a day or two. The stock of gents' furnishing in the store at the time of the fire was very little damaged and it is placed on bargain sale, beginning to-day. Mr. Marshall Shrier and Mr. C. J. Roberts will remain in charge of the store while Mr. Shrier and Mr. Davis are away.

Capt. McArthur Goes to Florida.

Capt. Harry O. McArthur, who has been serving most efficiently as station master of the Atlantic Coast Line at Wilmington since the recent death of Capt. DeLeon Fillyaw, has exchanged places with Conductor W. L. Morris, of Jacksonville, Fla., and will leave next week to become conductor on the run between Jacksonville and Tampa. Capt. McArthur makes the change for the benefit of the health of his family, but many friends here will regret to know of their intended departure. They will live in Jacksonville. Capt. Morris, who comes to this division, ran on the W. & W. road 20 years ago. He is one of the oldest conductors in the Coast Line service.

REGISTER DIES TODAY

Death Penalty to Be Paid at Whiteville for the Blackest Crime Imaginable.

EVERYTHING IN READINESS.

Large Crowd Will be Present for the Execution—Something of the Condemned Man—His Undoing is Traceable to His Father.

Upon a newly-constructed gallows in the jail yard at Whiteville between the hours of 11 A. M. and 2 P. M. today, Jabel Register will pay the death penalty for his part in one of the most brutal crimes in the history of the State—the murder of Jesse Soles, white, and Jim Staley, colored, the robbery of their persons of an amount money variously estimated at from of five hundred to $1,500, and the burning down of their house upon their bodies. Everything was reported in readiness for the execution last night and the indications are that a large crowd will witness the hanging, despite the effort upon the part of officials to make it as private as possible. On last night's train from the South were 25 or 30 persons who got off at Whiteville to witness the execution and a large party will go to the county seat from this end of the line at 6 o'clock this morning.

The condemned man is reported to have ate or slept little recently and the opinion is that he will break down before reaching the gallows to-day. He is a man about five feet 10 inches in height, 35 years of age, and weighs about 150 pounds. He has always been regarded as completely under the influence of his father and it is said that if he had been gotten from under that control earlier in life, he would probably have made a good citizen. Besides his father, who is serving a life sentence in the penitentiary for having instigated and planned the crime, the younger Register has three sisters, two of whom married well-to-do and highly respected citizens of the county—Messrs. Frank Martin, who keeps a livery stable at Vineland, and Mr. R. A. Rockwell.

Mr. J. B. Schulken, one of the leading counsel for the prosecution of the Registers, is in the city, having arrived yesterday from Whiteville. He says that everything is in readiness for the execution and the hour will most likely be about 1 o'clock. The hanging will be in the jail yard and while it will be as private as possible, the opinion is expressed that most any one who desires to do so, can see it. Mr. Schulken says very few people attach any importance to Jabel's confession and do not seem to manifest [illegible] other statement from the gallows. In fact, he says, that he is of the opinion that Jabel's people now appear to be counselling Jabel not to talk further. The man A. C. Smith implicated by Jabel is still in jail and Mr. Schulken says he is perfectly willing for H. B. Register to be brought from the penitentiary to testify against Smith if any one should desire such a proceeding. Mr. Schulken will return to Whiteville this morning.

FRIGHTFUL RUNAWAY YESTERDAY.

Two Vehicles in Which Ladies Were Riding Smashed on the Turnpike.

A frightful runaway occurred yesterday afternoon about 3 o'clock on the turnpike near Delgado mill. A horse belonging to Mr. E. L. Holloway and attached to a buggy in which Mr. and Mrs. Holloway were driving toward the Sound, became frightened and dashed down the road at breakneck speed. Immediately in front of the Delgado office, the runaway rig overtook and ran into another buggy in which Mrs. W. D. McMillan, Jr., and Mrs. Chas. S. Grainger were driving to the golf links. Both vehicles were smashed up and the occupants thrown to the hard road surface. Fortunately none of them was seriously injured but all were more or less severely hurt and shocked. Mrs. Grainger appeared the worst injured.

The horse which Mrs. McMillan and Mrs. Grainger were driving was stopped but Mr. Holloway's animal broke out of harness and dashed on down the turnpike. Mr. Tench Coxe saw the accident from the golf grounds and brought the injured ladies home as speedily as possible in his automobile. Physicians were later summoned and every attention possible was given the ladies. The wrecked buggies were brought in on a baggage wagon later in the afternoon.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Property Which Exchanged Hands by Deeds Filed for Record Yesterday.

Mary Moody to H. F. Oiten, for $200, property at southwest corner of Seventh and Swann streets, 49½x87 feet in size.

Mary A. Rhew to J. O. Brown and wife, for $1,400, property at northwest corner of Fifth and Queen streets, 66x135 feet in size.

Durant H. Wilder and wife to Henry George Saunders and wife, for $775, property on south side of Castle, 140 feet west of Seventh street, 43x165 feet in size.

George Harriss and wife, Jno. A. Ricks and wife and Dr. A. H. Harriss and wife to A. J. Marshall, for $1 and other considerations, 125 acres of land on Bradley's Creek.

Remember the free distribution of samples of To-ni-ta at the store of Bullock & Abrens, Princess street, Friday, Feb. 26th. To-ni-ta is a gentle, invigorating tonic and stimulant for the body, brain and nerve. Cures Catarrh in every form. †

THE COAST LINE STRIKERS.

General Manager Kenly Corrects False Impression as to Appointment of a Negro—Other News of Trouble.

From the best information obtainable, the strike of the maintenance of way employes of the Atlantic Coast Line is gradually wearing itself out. In a majority of instances competent men have been secured to take the places of those who still remained out in face of the appeals of the company and so far there has been but little, if any, interference with the regularity of traffic. General Manager John R. Kenly says that on the entire first division of the system there are not exceeding 15 vacancies and those are being filled as fast as possible. Neither side to the strike, so far as it concerns the leaders, appears to have given way and the railroad people say the conditions are very favorable to them.

President Jno. T. Wilson, of the I. B. M. of W. E., recently addressed a lengthy circular to strikers, one paragraph of which, as follows, has been replied to by General Manager Kenly, viz:

"According to advices, the company has only been able to find one colored man who could be induced to take a place deserted by a white foreman, and the guilty negro is Green Robinson, of Fayetteville, N. C., who took charge of Section 9 at that place, and he had not been in the employ of the company for three years previous to the time the strike took place. This should be accepted as positive proof that the company will use any one without regard to race, creed or color in their efforts to defeat you, who will degrade themselves by becoming tools in their hands."

The answer of Mr. Kenly is as follows:

Wilmington, N. C., Feb. 24, 1904.

To the Maintenance of Way Employes:

I note that Mr. John T. Wilson in his circular No. 3, dated February 22nd, states that he has been informed that a negro section foreman has been put in charge of Section No. 9, near Fayetteville, N. C.

I desire to say that Mr. Wilson has been misinformed. There is absolutely no truth in the report. It has always been the policy of this company to appoint its section foremen and other foremen from the ranks of its deserving and competent white men, and this policy will always be continued. J. R. KENLY,

Fourth Vice President and General Manager.

General Manager Kenly has taken up the matter of the brutal assassination of the young section master Murray, below Savannah, night before last, and the Coast Line will probably announce to-day a large reward for the perpetrator of the deed. The Savannah *News* of yesterday in its account of the tragedy says:

"Mr. Murray was the only section boss between Savannah and Waycross who did not join the strikers, and he had been repeatedly warned by anonymous messages to quit work and join [illegible] fused to do, and on two occasions had words with some of the strikers who were disposed to criticise him openly."

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Mr. E. L. Hall, of Benson, N. C., is at The Orton.

— Mr Sandford Christman, of Wilson, is at The Orton.

— Mr. A. P. Caldwell, of Lumberton, arrived last night.

— Mr. Thos. Griffith, of Charlotte, was here yesterday.

— Mr. Eugene LeGrand returned to the University yesterday.

— Mr. T. H. Hale, of Elizabethtown, made business calls in the city yesterday.

— Mr. W. J. Waren, one of the popular Southern Express route agents, was here yesterday.

— Mr. Joseph Robb, travelling representative of the *Inland Printer*, is in the city in the interest of that publication.

— Mr. Jos. M. King returned to Jacksonville, Fla., yesterday afternoon, accompanied by his mother, Mrs. Jos. P. King.

— Rev. J. M. Wells, Ph. D., will preach at Mt. Horeb church, Bladen county, this evening, to-morrow morning and evening.

Free distribution of samples of To-ni-ta, the invigorating tonic and stimulant for Body, Brain and Nerve, at the drug store of Bullock & Abrens, Princess street, next Friday, Feb. 26th. See display advertisement. †

DIED.

BEAR—At his home, in this city, at 9 A. M. Wednesday, February 24, 1904, SOLOMON BEAR, in the 70th year of his age.

Funeral at 4 P. M. this (Thursday) at the family residence, 116 North Fifth street. Interment at Oakdale cemetery. Friends and acquaintances invited to attend.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Castle Hall,

Germania Lodge No. 4, K. of P.

BROTHERS—You are hereby ordered to appear at your Castle Hall this afternoon at 3 o'clock to attend the funeral of our deceased Bro. F. C. Sol. Bear.

By order of C. C. JOHN HAAR, K. of R. and S.

Invitation to attend the funeral is cordially extended to all the members of the order in this city and visiting Knights. feb 25 1t

A Delightful Pleasure.

Nothing pleases a man more than a good, clean shave. We give the cleanest shave obtainable, not only in point of keen razors, but as to real cleanliness. We use a clean towel for each man and everything else is thoroughly antiseptic.

GUION & DAVIS, Climax Barber Shop, 7 South Front street. feb 25 tf

FOR SALE.

A five room house on Eighth street between Grace and Walnut. Size of lot 33x165. Good water. Quiet neighborhood. Address "S" care STAR. feb 25 1t

A GREAT OFFERING BY

J. M. SOLKY & CO.,

One Price Clothiers and Furnishers.

ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1904,

We will start our semi-annual Clearing Sale of

Fine Clothing, Underwear & Colored Top Shirts

And all we want to say is any one who has attended our previous sales knows what it means.

Men's $ 7.50 Suits	Now $6.25	Men's $5.00 Pants	Now $3.75
Men's 10.00 Suits	Now 8.25	Men's 4.00 Pants	Now 3.00
Men's 11.00 Suits	Now 8.75	Men's 3.50 Pants	Now 2.75
Men's 12.50 Suits	Now 10.75	Men's 3.00 Pants	Now 2.25
Men's 13.50 Suits	Now 10.75	Boy's 3.00 Suits	Now 2.25
Men's 12.50 Suits	Now 12.50	Boy's 4.00 Suits	Now 3.00
Men's 16.50 Suits	Now 13.50	Boy's 5.00 Suits	Now 3.50

Overcoats at Clearing Out Prices.

A complete line of Boys' Suits and Knee Pants in all sizes, at greatly reduced prices. Fifty dozen Sample Top Shirts will be sold for 35c each. Remember this sale is for two weeks only; so be on hand for your bargains.

Remember the place—The Masonic Temple Building. feb 20 tf

The Store That Pays Your Car Fare. REHDER'S. The Store That Pays Your Car Fare.

AHEAD OF THE PROCESSION.

SPECIAL EXHIBIT OF 1904 SPRING STYLES OF THE FAMOUS

Crawford Shoe, $3.50 and $4.00

STIEFF'S WINDOW,

Market Street, Between Front and Second.

Phone us the style and size you like. We will send [illegible] pairs for your selection.

J. H. REHDER & CO.,

feb 20 tf 615, 617, 619 North Fourth St.

Japs All The Rage.

NEW ARRIVALS OF FANCY JAPANESE CHINA.

You must see them to appreciate their beauty. Also a full line of Cut Glass. Special price on these goods this week.

Bissinger,

The China Man

feb 16 tf 119 Market Street.

Let Us Book Your Orders for

Seed Irish Potatoes.

We have bought the following varieties which we can deliver by February 1st. As we bought some time ago when market was low we can give you the benefit of it.

Genuine Houlton Early Rose.
White Bliss, Early Bovee,
Early Ohio, Pride of the South.

Call on or write to

THE WORTH CO.

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State of North Carolina, County of New Hanover. In the Superior Court.

M. M. Mann, Guardian, vs. H. M. Bowden.

This is an action brought by plaintiff against the defendant for the recovery of thirteen hundred dollars borrowed money with interest at eight per cent. from July 1, 1901; that an attachment has been issued against the defendant and levied upon a one-third undivided interest of the defendant in and to a certain lot of Land in the City of Wilmington, being parts Lots 1 and 2 Block 319, and same conveyed by J. O. Bowden to H. M. Bowden, Trustee, by deed duly registered in Book A A A, page 619 of the records of New Hanover county. And it appearing to the Court that the defendant is a non-resident and has property in this State and cannot after due diligence be found in this State, and that a cause of action exists in plaintiff's favor against the defendant for the recovery of the said sum of thirteen hundred dollars, due by said promissory note.

Now notice is hereby given that the defendant be and appear before the Superior Court of this county to be held on the fourth day of April, 1904, and answer or demur to the complaint this day filed, or judgment will be granted according to the prayer thereof.

This 24th day of February, 1904.

JNO. D. TAYLOR, th Clerk Superior Court.

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THURSDAY MORNING, FEB. 25.

DIFFICULT TO INCREASE THE COTTON CROP.

It is now about time for the bulls to give the bears another tussle. Labor is so scarce throughout the South that the farmers cannot very largely increase their cotton crops if they desired to do so. At any rate, the acreage will probably be increased, but it is said that if labor were plentiful the farmers would overdo the cotton planting business and produce such a crop this year as would be greater than the demand. In that event low prices would prevail and the farmers would make nothing, even if they did not actually come out in arrears with their extra expense for supplies, labor and fertilizers.

The price of mules will also deter the farmers to some extent, for good mules are up in the pictures, not to mention the increased prices of fertilizers and supplies. Good mules are now selling from $135 to $165 each, an advance of about $20 a head over the prices during last Spring. Mules are also said to be scarce and the demand cannot be readily supplied for this year's crop.

The price of fertilizers now runs frpm $15 to $35 per ton, an increase of from $2 to $4 for different grades as compared with last season's prices. Spot wheat was quoted in yesterday's STAR at $1.05 per bushel, and "dollar wheat" has added $1 a barrel to the price of flour the past few days. Flour which sold at $4 per barrel this time last year is now selling at $6. Corn is selling at an advance, and the price of meat is also over the price the corresponding period last year.

The shortness of the labor supply and high priced mules, fertilizers and supplies will aid the bulls, and on top of that the season is evidently going to be late. Owing to the severe and long continued winter farming operations are very backward, and if there is a cold May, which the indications point to, the bulls will surely have another inning.

Doubtless the scarcity of labor, after all, is a blessing to the South, for with plenty of labor to plant and pick the crop, the inclination would be to put in a tremendous crop of cotton.

The low price of tobacco the past season makes it certain that the growers of the weed will not run over themselves to plant a large crop the coming season. The fact is the acreage will be greatly reduced. Labor is also scarce in the tobacco region.

This scarcity of labor and the growing demand for the products of this section, make the South a rich field for the immigration of small white farmers and farm labor from the North and West. With our rapid growth in manufacturing, greatly reducing the supply of farm labor by taking it from the field to the factory, the South is bright with opportunity for immigration.

The conditions also make it the opportunity of the Southern States to invite the immigration of a desirable class of people. The various railroad systems already have their immigration departments, and the States that "get in the game" first will get the immigrants. The South Carolina Legislature, now in session, has already very wisely established an immigration bureau. If it is conducted along right lines and is not made the dumping ground for some political hack, it will prove of inestimable benefit to the progressive Palmetto State.

THE AMERICAN APE.

Our respect for Ella Wheeler Wilcox, considering both her poetry and her hard sense, is growing every day. She says:

If you intend to remain in America, be an American in the best sense of that word. There are men and women in America who seem to feel complimented when told that they resemble some other nationality than their own—that they suggest the English, the French or the Spanish type, and we all know apologies for American citizens who imitate the English walk, dress and accent. Our societies of "Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution" and Colonial Dames are excellent antidotes for this ape-like tendency, but we need some stronger stimulus toward national pride.

Miss Ella, you are right. When we see sap-headed imitators like you mention, we want to go up against them with a last year's bag of mush.

The Washington *Post* is responsible for the statement that Senator Platt and Governor Odell have again severed diplomatic relations. Roosevelt ought to get Hay to fire a note to them that they must confine their zone of hostilities.

Mysterious Circumstance.

One was pale and sallow and the other fresh and rosy. Whence the difference? She who is blushing with health uses Dr. King's New Life Pills to maintain it. By gently arousing the lazy organs they compel good digestion and head off constipation. Try them. Only 25c, at R. R. BELLAMY'S drug store.

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THE COMBINE IDEA STRONG.

Organization is the lever that moves everything.

It is now said that the Democrats of the upper counties of New York appreciate the advantages of a thoroughly organized and well oiled machine, like that of Tammany, and it is proposed to extend the sphere of the organization committee of Tammany Hall over the country organizations throughout the State.

The idea of "combine" is surely taking hold of all Americans. Even the newspapers in New York and Philadelphia have combined to gather in the local news of those cities by one bunch of reporters acting for all. This cuts down expenses, but hundreds of newspaper men have to take a walk out of town. In Philadelphia it is said twenty-five reporters now do the work which formerly required the service of 125 men.

"In union there is strength" is an axiom that everybody seems to be putting into force. The Democrats who will go to the St. Louis convention July 6th should make a note of this

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To a man up a tree it looks like Secretary Hay ought to require witnesses to the signature of Russia's communications. The reply of Russia to the Hay identical note, received a few days ago, is considered by Mr. Hay to be "responsive to our interest." If the reply is not plain enough without making it necessary to "construe it," it ought to be filed with Russia's document stating that her troops would evacuate Manchuria on the 8th of last October.

Japan is receiving numerous applications from Americans and Englishmen to be allowed to serve the Mikado as officers or privates in the army, or as officers, gunners or fighters in the navy. It is curious to observe how many men regard themselves as targets for powder and shot, though they have no special principle to fight for. Perhaps they naturally like to scrap, but no doubt it is notoriety and "glory" that most of them are after.

General James H. Wilson, of the United States Army, expresses the belief that Great Britain is behind Japan. It is his opinion also that the war will be long and bloody and says it is folly to predict the outcome. The military editor of the STAR long ago exploited the possibility of embroiling other powers during or after hostilities.

The Hay note says China's sovereignty must be respected. If you expect it to be respected it's got to be above suspicion.

CURRENT COMMENT.

[illegible] the position of the pig that is the prize for the wrestlers.—*Houston Chronicle.*

—— The Filipinos and Porto Ricans can hardly look upon George Washington as more than a stepfather to them.—*Washington Post.*

—— Of course the solid South will support Cleveland another time. We are great repeaters down this way.—*Macon Telegraph.*

—— The Ohio Legislature is talking about filling Mr. Hanna's place, but will probably conclude to just put some one in it.—*Washington Post.*

—— Protests are coming up from the country over the proposed abandonment of the circus parades. We don't miss them so much here, where we can look out the window any day and see a military escort.—*Washington Post.*

—— McKinley and Hanna were two of the three most prominent figures in the campaign four years ago. Now they are dead. But we have Roosevelt and Bryan with us still; that is, we have them with us —but not still—*Nashville American.*

—— What a thing national pride is! We believe the rumor that there were Yankee gunners on board the Japanese ships. The English swear they were Cockneys, while the Germans swear they were Deutschers in disguise.—*Houston Chronicle.*

—— The death of Generals Longstreet and Gordon left four lieutenant generals of the Confederacy still alive; General S. B. Buckner, age 80; General A. P. Stewart, age 82; General Stephen D. Lee, age 71; General Joe Wheeler, age 61—all "old men honorable."

Better Than Gold.

"I was troubled for several years with chronic indigestion and nervous debility," writes F. J. Green, of Lancaster, N. H. "No remedy helped me until I began using Electric Bitters, which did me more good than all the medicines I ever used. They have also kept my wife in excellent health for years. She says Electric Bitters are just splendid for female troubles; that they are a grand tonic and invigorator for weak, run-down women. No other medicine can take its place in our family." Try them. Only 50c. Satisfaction guaranteed by R. R. BELLAMY, druggist.

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TWINKLINGS

— Housekeeper — Do you love children? Applicant—It all depends on th' wages, mum.—*Puck.*

— She: The society women of Boston are going to start a magazine. He: That's a good idea. Of course, they have plenty of powder for the purpose.—*Chicago News.*

— Young Lady—I can always tell your work the instant I see it. Magazine Artist (delighted)—Can you, really? Young Lady—Easily. The women all look alike.—*New York Weekly.*

— Cobwigger—Did the women's clubs have a harmonious convention? Merritt—No. The only time they got together was when they were having their pictures taken.—*Judge.*

— Mistress—I am very much annoyed at your entertaining a policeman in the kitchen last night, Bridget. Bridget—Faith, ma'am, I didn't like to ax him into the drawing room.

— "I see you're wearing my old engagement ring?" "Yes; isn't it perfectly lovely to be engaged to Jack?" "Yes, indeed!" He's so deliciously serious about it, isn't he?"—*Detroit Free Press.*

— Judge —You were present when the assault took place? Witness—Yes. your honor. Judge—And did you take cognizance of the bartender of the place? Witness—I don't know what they called it, but I took what the rest did.—*Yonkers Herald.*

— Bachelor (crustily)—The worst about marriage is that when a fellow proposes it is generally a plunge in the dark. Justwed—Great heavens! You wouldn't have a fellow propose when the gas is going full tilt, would you?—*Judge.*

—Scott was reciting some of his verses before a Puritanic audience. He began: "The stag at eve had drunk his fill——" The audience rose in a body and left, and a knowing girl was heard to declare that she had always heard stag parties were like that, anyhow.—*Chicago Journal.*

MONEY IN PIG RAISING.

A Hint For Farmers In the Experience of Market Gardeners.

Many of the market gardeners in the vicinity of Boston make quite a specialty of raising pigs, says American Cultivator. By using city swill and the refuse matter of the vegetables grown they are able to grow the pigs at low cost. One of the most experienced of these pig raisers is E. W. Harrington.

Mr. Harrington keeps about 200 swine, all Yorkshire and mixed. He has a contract for the entire swill produce of Watertown, obtaining the material at a cost of $600 a year. Swill fed pork is considered good in flavor, but is not so firm as that of corn fed hogs. The cost of producing pork and young pigs this way is of course less than where a great deal of grain and other food have to be bought, but Mr. Harrington thinks there is a good chance for country farmers in pig raising.

"What is swill?" he asks. "Mostly refuse of vegetables, is it not? The back country farmers can raise such stuff cheaper than I can. What would be the cost of keeping a breeding sow a year on a back country farm? Most any farmer would keep one for $15, I think. If there is an average of fifteen young pigs a year, which are now selling for $3 each, that would be $45, which would show about as good profit as an average cow. If I can sell to [illegible] where to be grown and fattened they could certainly raise them at a good profit themselves.

"The yearly average might not be fifteen young pigs where a large number are kept. In fact, I do not average so well as that, but in any case the profit would be satisfactory. Few cows which the farmers usually keep would net anything like it. The business ought to pay where there is a good market for pigs. Conditions in the country are much more favorable in some ways than they are here. There is more room, pigs can be kept in a pasture a good part of the year at low cost and will do a great deal better than when crowded into pens. The trouble is that where there is plenty of room too many are crowded into a dirty pen. They should have plenty of room and pasturage, like cattle. Pigs are naturally cleaner than cows where there is plenty of room and where they are not compelled to get dirty. In large inclosures pigs keep themselves very clean. Farmers may pasture pigs in summer and raise corn, clover, peas, oats and vegetables."

The Agricultural Spirit.

The agricultural fairs, with their exhibits and prize lists, have done something toward creating the agricultural spirit among farmers. The farmers' institutes have done more. The granges have exceeded the institutes, but the agricultural press has done ten times more than all other agencies combined. —J. W. Ingram in Rural New Yorker.

STARVATION

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GROW RYE.

An Ohio Man's Plan For Easy and Profitable Farming.

Rye is a crop that can be grown and harvested by live stock with very little if any loss. It is the only small grain crop with which we are familiar that can so successfully be handled in this way, says an Ohio Farmer writer. The crop can be best utilized by the use of sheep and hogs. No man can have a very definite idea of how much there is in the crop till he makes it a study and puts forth a strong effort to sow it everywhere he can on his farm. On our farm of eighty-six acres, with seasonable rains, there will be rye growing in October on forty-five acres, more than one-half of the farm, that will furnish pasture for a great amount of stock and can best be saved by pasturing hogs, breeding ewes and lambs being fatted for market.

For twenty years the land has been kept regularly in rotation, wheat, clover and corn, the hay and corn being fed out on the farm and the manure, with much hauled from town, put on the land. Under this treatment the land has grown gradually better. There is a vast amount of labor connected with this system that we are forced by circumstances beyond our control to abandon as far as possible. Rye crops without harvesting and thrashing will be the principal feature in bringing this about. Farmers often will not grow it as we do and "hog it down" for fear of the voluntary crop spoiling the clover crop following.

As to this, a volunteer crop of rye which we had in clover would have been an advantage had we wanted to make hay of the crop. The rye prevented the clover lodging, as it would surely have done without it. Cut for hay, the rye in it would not have been any detriment, but an advantage if fed out on the farm as it always is here. If stacked in the field there was enough rye in it if the stacks were carefully raked down to shed the rain.

Using rye instead of wheat and not harvesting it brings us up against the fact that we are without bedding for the stock. For a time no doubt this need can be met by purchasing straw, as many farmers within an area of two or three miles sell their straw to men buying it for factory purposes.

There is no small grain crop grown that is better to start clover in than rye, and this advantage is much enhanced when the crop is not cut, but allowed to fall on the land and be gathered by the stock on the farm. For late fall, winter and spring pasturing sheep will be found [illegible] as they will not injure the land by tramping when wet as other animals will. Carrying the plan through the year, the only element barring success is lack of moisture.

This plan will prove practicable and profitable on thousands of farms where wheat has been grown for years past and is still being grown, never paying expenses, the land constantly growing poorer, while the use of rye will continually add to the fertility of the soil and pay a profit as it goes along. It will not come in a lump as when a grain crop is sold, but it will be coming in all the time.

Letting Down Wire Fencing.

It is frequently desirable to lower the strands of a wire fence so that stock may be changed from one field to the other without putting in a gate or cutting the wire. Of course this is not practicable where a wire is stretched tightly, but on many feed lot fences or where a wire fence is placed around a straw stack the wire cannot be

THE WIRE IN PLACE.

stretched very tightly. American Agriculturist suggests that in such cases a little device which it illustrates can be used for these temporary lots very satisfactorily. Drive two staples, A A, into the tree about half an inch apart. Put the wire in place. Then drop the wire nail, B, into position. This will hold the wire until it is desirable to lower it. Take out the nail, press the wire down to the bottom of the post and place it under the hook.

Cold storage has made it possible for the producer to get 13 cents for May and June eggs. Before the days of cold storage 8 cents was a good price.

No moral training which the house cat receives will ever prevent her from robbing the young birds from the nest in the tree by the door if it is possible for her to get at it.

An elaborate experiment made with the strawberry at the Iowa agricultural experiment station proved that pistillate varieties were more productive than the staminate.

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I am proud of Cheney's Expectorant. It has done me a world of good. Whenever I take cold I go at once for a bottle of this medicine and gennerally cure the cold without much trouble.

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COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

[Quoted officially at the closing by the Chamber of Commerce.]

STAR OFFICE, February 24.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Nothing doing.

ROSIN—Nothing doing.

TAR—Market firm at $1.40 per barrel of 280 pounds.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Market firm at $2.25 per barrel for hard, $4.00 for dip, $4.00 for virgin.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine firm at 65c; rosin firm at $1.85@1.90; tar firm at $1.60; crude turpentine firm at $2.25, 3.75@4.00.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits turpentine	39
Rosin	736
Tar	201
Crude turpentine	2

Receipts same day last year—18 casks spirits turpentine, 1,587 barrels rosin, 375 barrels tar, 26 barrels crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market steady at 13¼c per pound for middling.

Same day last year, market firm at 9⅛c for middling.

Receipts—28 bales; same day last year, 1,025.

[Corrected Regularly by Wilmington Produce Commission Merchants, prices representing those paid for produce consigned to Commission Merchants.]

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS—North Carolina, firm. Prime, 90c; extra prime, 95c; fancy, $1.00, per bushel of twenty-eight pounds. Virginia—Prime, 80c; extra prime, 85c; fancy, 95c. Spanish, $1.00.

CORN—Firm; 57½@60c per bushel for white.

N. C. BACON—Steady; hams 16@16½c per pound; shoulders, 12½c; sides, 12½c.

EGGS—Firm at 23c per dozen.

CHICKENS—Dull. Grown, 25@35c; springs, 10@22c.

TURKEYS—Firm at 12½@13c for live.

BEESWAX—Firm at 25@26c.

TALLOW—Firm at 5½@6½c per pound.

SWEET POTATOES—Firm at 50@55c per bushel.

BEEF CATTLE—Firm at 2@3½c per pound.

FINANCIAL MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—Money on call was steady, highest 2 per cent., [illegible] last loan 1¾ per cent., closing bid 1¾ per cent., offered at 2 per cent; time loans steady; sixty days 3 per cent.; ninety days 3 per cent.; six months 3¾@4 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 4¾@5¼ per cent. Sterling exchange was strong, with actual business in bankers' bills at 486 55@486.60 for demand and at 483.35@483.45 for sixty-day bills. Posted rates 484 and 487. Commercial bills 483¼. Bar silver 58¼. Mexican dollars were firm. U. S. refunding 2's, reg'd, 105; U. S. refunding 2's. coupon, 105; U. S. 3's, reg'd, 106¼; do. coupon, 106¼; U. S. 4's, new, reg'd, 132¼; do. coupons, 132¼; U. S. 4's, old, reg'd, 107¼; U. S. 4's, old coupon, 107¼; U. S. 5's, registered, —; do. coupon, —; Southern Railway, 5's, 111¼. Stocks: Baltimore & Ohio pref'd 86¼; Chesapeake & Ohio 29; Manhattan L 140¼; New York Central 113¼; Reading 37¼; do. 1st pref'd, 75; do. 2nd pref'd 55; Southern Railway 18¼; do. pref'd 77¼; Amalgamated Copper 45⅝; People's Gas 97¼; Tennessee Coal and Iron 34¼; U. S. Leather 6¾; U. S. Leather, preferred, 75¾; Western Union 86¼; U. S. Steel 10¼; do. preferred 54¼; Virginia Carolina Chemical, —; sales — shares; do. preferred, closed 100; sales — shares. Standard Oil 595.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—Rosin quiet. Spirits turpentine easy at 64½c.

CHARLESTON, Feb. 24.—Spirits turpentine and rosin nominal; nothing doing. Quotations omitted.

SAVANNAH, Feb. 24.—Spirits turpentine—Nothing doing; receipts 31 casks; sales — casks; exports 15 casks. Rosin was firm; receipts 923 barrels; sales 3,245 barrels; exports 84 barrels. Quote: A, B, C, $2 45; D, $2 45; E, $2 50; F, $2 55; G, $2 60; H, $2 60; I, $2 95; K, $3 25; M, $3 30; N, $3 35; W G, $3 45; W W, $3 60.

COTTON MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—The market for cotton futures opened firm at a decline of six points on April, but generally unchanged to seven points higher and following the call ruled firm for the first half hour or so on active covering and New Orleans bull support, March sold up to 13.52, May to 14.89 and July to 14.30, there being net gains of twenty-seven and thirty-two points, but the local bull leader appeared to be selling liberally, presumably for profits, and soon the market began to work lower. Just before midday stop orders were reached, and there was a rapid break of something over half a cent. At the decline room covering and buying on the reaction theory caused a partial reaction of twenty to twenty-five points, but this attracted heavy selling by New Orleans bull houses and the market later turned very weak again with March selling down to 13.55, May to 13.88 and July 13.80; a break of a full cent a pound on the active months and a net decline of sixty-eight to seventy-two points. The market was very active and excited on the down turn and it appeared that the report of trouble among financial houses abroad had some influence as well as reports that advances had restricted the demand for spot cotton in the South, particularly for export. There was an idea that the big bulls were willing to make a better buying level, and by a stimulating export demand through a return to a lower level of spot prices, still further strengthening the spot position during the end of the session. Just before the close the decline to around 13.80 for July and 13.55 for March attracted a good demand from important Philadelphia spot interests, and while the local bull leader continued to sell, prices recovered about ten to twenty points of the loss and the market was finally firm at a net decline of forty to sixty points on months up to and including September, with the later positions net three to fifteen points lower. Sales were estimated at 900,000 bales. Port receipts while a little larger than yesterday were small as compared with last year, while the estimates for tomorrow's movements were light, and exports which have recently been running light were fair. Outside buyers, however, are rendered exceedingly timid by the warlike rumors from abroad and the evidences of financial difficulties in Europe, as reflected by continued failures in Berlin, Paris and Vienna, and prices are readily influenced by the operations of large professionals who many believe are engaged in scalping the market rather than in any well defined campaign.

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—Cotton quiet at 14.30; net receipts 245 bales; gross receipts 369 bales; stock 75,897 bales.

Spot cotton closed quiet and 25 points lower; middling uplands 14.30; middling gulf 14.55c; sales 550 bales.

Cotton futures market closed firm: February 13.50, March 13.66, April 13.85, May 14 02, June 13 45, July 13.91, August 13.42, September 12.10, October 11.60, November 11.45, December 11.30.

Total to-day, at all seaports—Net receipts 13,599 bales; exports to Great Britain 3 285 bales; exports to France 50 bales; exports to the Continent 2,889 bales; exports to Japan 280 bales; exports to Mexico — bales; stock 687,273 bales.

Consolidated, at all seaports—Net receipts 44,462 bales; exports to Great Britain 18,773 bales; exports to France 50 bales; exports to the Continent 7,251 bales; exports to Japan 280 bales; exports to Mexico — bales.

Total since September 1st, at all seaports—Net receipts 6,355,311 bales; exports to Great Britain 1,910,282 bales; exports to France 634,314 bales; exports to the Continent 2,191,102 bales; exports to Japan 37,188 bales; exports to Mexico 22,368 bales.

Feb. 24.—Galveston, quiet at 13⅝c, net receipts 4,272 bales; Norfolk, not received, net receipts 1,000 bales; Baltimore, nominal at 14.75c, net receipts — bales; Boston, quiet at 14.80, net receipts 138 bales; Wilmington, steady at 13.25c, net receipts 28 bales; Philadelphia, quiet at 14.55c, net receipts 198 bales; Savannah, quiet at 14c, net receipts 1,231 bales; New Orleans, quiet at 13⅝c, net receipts 6,124 bales; Mobile, quiet at 14, net receipts 75 bales; Memphis, quiet at 13⅝c, net receipts 715 bales; Augusta, steady at 13½c, net receipts 136 bales; Charleston, firm at 14c, net receipts 8 bales.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—Flour was quiet but firmly held. Wheat—Spot firm; No. 2 red $1 07. Options closed strong and 2@2⅜c net higher; May closed $1 05⅝; July closed $1 02; September closed 93⅞c. Corn—Spot firm; No. 2 nominal. Options market opened steady with wheat, light offerings and local disposition to cover, closing firm at ⅝c net advance: May closed 62⅝; July closed 61¼c. Oats—Spot firm; No. 2 54@57c. Pork was firm; short clear $15 00@17 25; mess $17 25@17 75. Lard strong: Western steam $8 20; refined firm. Butter firm; extra fresh creamery 26c; State dairy 14@22c. Sugar—Raw firm; refined steady. Cheese quoted firm; State, full cream fancy, small colored, September 12; late made 10¼; small white, September 12; late made 10½c. Eggs weak and lower; State and Pennsylvania nearby average 27c. Peanuts were firm; fancy [illegible] @6½c. Potatoes steady; Long Island $3 00@3 50; Jerseys $2 75@3 25; Jersey sweets $1 50@4 00; State and Western sacks $2 50@2 70. Cabbage steady; domestic, per ton, $25 00@35 00; per 100 $5 00@10 00. Freights to Liverpool—by steam 12. Rice steady. Molasses firm. Cotton seed oil—The market was firm and in sympathy with strength in hog products. There was a fair amount of business transacted, and the prices showed a partial advance. Closing prices: Prime crude, f. o. b. mills, 32@32½c; prime summer yellow 39c; off summer yellow nominal; prime white 41c; prime winter yellow 41½c.

CHICAGO, Feb. 24.—A large decrease in the world's visible supply of wheat caused an advance of 1½c on the May delivery. Strength in the English markets aided in the upward tendency. The July option closed at a net gain of 2⅜c, compared with last night's figures. May corn finished 1½c up, oats 1⅛c and provisions 13¼ to 57½c.

CHICAGO, Feb. 24.—Cash prices: Flour was firm. Wheat—No. 2 spring 98@$1 05; No. 3 spring 88@1 02; No. 2 red 1 03½@$1 08⅜. Corn—No. 2 53½c; No. 2 yellow 54¼. Oats—No. 2 43¼@43¾; No. 2 white —; No. 3 white 41@45½c. Rye—No. 2 73¼@75c. Mess pork, per bbl., $16 12½@16 25. Lard, per 100 lbs, $7 80@7 82½. Short rib sides, loose, $7 62½@7 75. Dry salted shoulders, boxed, not reported. Short clear sides, boxed, $7 50@7 75. Whiskey—Basis of high wines, $1 27½.

The leading futures ranged as follows—opening, highest, lowest and closing: Wheat—No. 2 May $1 05@1 05¼, 1 06½, 1 04¼, 1 06¼; July, old, 94½@95½, 97, 94⅜, 96⅞@97c; do., new, 93⅝@34¼, 96¼, 93¼, 96½c; September, old, 89¾@90¼, 91½, 89⅜, 91½c; do., new, 88¾@89¼, 90⅝, 88⅜, 90¼. Corn—No. 2 February 53⅝, 53⅜, 53⅞, 53⅞; May 56@56¼, 57⅞, 55⅝, 57½c; July 54⅝@55, 55⅞, 54⅞, 54⅝c. Oats—No. 2 February 43½c; May 45¼@45¼, 46, 44⅞@45, 46c; July 41⅝, 41⅜, 41⅛, 41½c; September 36½@36⅛, 36⅜, 36¼, 36½c. Mess pork, per bbl—May $15 80, 16 25, 15 70, 16 25; July $15 90, 16 40, 15 80, 16 40. Lard, per 100 lbs—May $7 87½, 8 02½, 7 82½; July $8 02½, 8 15, 7 95, 8 15. Short ribs, per 100 lbs—May $7 60, 7 90, 7 57½, 7 90; July $7 72½, 7 95, 7 67½, 7 95

NEW YORK COFFEE FUTURES.

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—Coffee—Spot Rio barely steady; No. 7 invoice 6⅝c; mild steady; Cordova 8¼@13½c. The market for coffee futures opened steady at a decline of 5@10 points under scattered liquidation. Later the fear of notices for March delivery caused further depression. The whole list ruled easier toward the end of the session, closing steady but at a decline of 20@25 points. Sales 170,000 bags.

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Schr City of Nassau, 78 tons, Munroe, Nassau, to master.

Stmr A J Johnson, Bornemann, Point Caswell, W J Meredith.

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Schr Harold J McCarty, Flynn, Port-au-Prince, C D Maffitt.

Stmr A J Johnson, Bornemann, Point Caswell, W J Meredith.

EXPORTS.

FOREIGN.

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FOREIGN MARKETS

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 24.—Cotton: Spot, in increased demand; prices 26 points higher; American middling fair 7.92d; good middling 7.76d; middling 7.66d; low middling 7.60d; good ordinary 7.50d; ordinary 7.30d. The sales of the day were 7,000 bales, of which 500 bales were for speculation and export and included 6,000 bales American. Receipts 18,000 bales, including 13,000 bales American.

Futures opened steady and closed steady; American middling (g o c): February 7.50d; February and March 7.50d; March and April 7.50d; April and May 7.51d; May and June 7.52d; June and July 7.52d; July and August 7.50d; August and September 7.32d; September and October 6.61d; October and November 6.31d.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels in the Port of Wilmington, N. C., February 25.

STEAMERS.

Martha Russ, (Gr) 1,261 tons, Paulsen, Heide & Co.

SCHOONERS.

City of Nassau, 78 tons, Munroe, to master.

C C Lister, 267 tons, Moore, C D Maffitt.

Joseph G Ray, 1,062 tons, Crocker, to master.

Lydia M Deering, 1,063 tons, Dunton, C D Maffitt.

Lillian Woodruff, 288 tons, Warner, J T Riley & Co.

Abbie G Cole, 232 tons, Cole, J T Riley & Co.

C C Lane, 306 tons, Kelley, (in distress) C D Maffitt.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

C C Railroad—35 barrels rosin, 26 barrels tar.

W. & W. Railroad—2 barrels crude turpentine.

W., C. & A. Railroad—28 bales cotton, 121 barrels rosin, 39 barrels tar.

A. & Y. Railroad—9 casks spirits turpentine, 100 barrels rosin, 42 barrels tar.

Steamer A. J. Johnson—30 casks spirits turpentine, 150 barrels rosin, 15 barrel tar.

Steamer Sanders—32 barrels tar.

Henry's Flat—27 barrels tar.

Schooner J. C. Allen 115 barrels rosin, 20 barrels tar.

Schooner C. T. Herman—113 barrels rosin.

Total—28 bales cotton, 39 casks spirits turpentine, 634 barrels rosin, 201 barrels tar, 2 barrels crude turpentine.

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REPORT

OF THE CONDITION OF THE ATLANTIC National Bank, of Wilmington, N. C., at the close of business, January 22, 1904.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts		$ 996,214 30
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured		548 02
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation		12[illegible] 0
U. S. Bonds to secure U. S. Deposits		173 8[illegible]0 00
Stocks, securities, etc		32,000 00
Banking house, furniture, and fixtures		20 000 00
Other Real Estate owned		10,000 00
Due from National Banks (not Reserve Agents)		98 458 45
Due from State Banks and Bankers		133,[illegible]
Due from approved reserve agents		10[illegible]686 35
Notes of other National Banks	$3,500 00	
Fractional paper currency, nickels, and cents	1,951 03	
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz:		
Specie	$ 0 500 00	
Legal tender notes	$81,000 00	$106,951 03
Redemption fund with U. S. Treas'r (5 per cent. of circulation)		5,400 00
Total		$1,808,708 09

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in		$ 125,000 00
Surplus fund	$125,000 00	
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	70,137 87	195,137 87
National Bank notes outstanding		125,000 00
Due to other National Banks	182,727 36	
Due to State Banks and Bankers	250,460 72	
Dividends unpaid	413 00	
Individual deposits subject to check	730,539 18	
Cashiers checks outstanding	20 689 96	
United States deposits	173,800 00	1 358 630 22
Total		$1,80[illegible],768 09

State of North Carolina, county of New Hanover, ss.:

I, Andrew Moreland, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

ANDREW MORELAND, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29th day of November, 1903.

W. C. ARMSTRONG, Notary Public.

CORRECT—Attest:
C. W. YATES,
WM. CALDER,
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C. E. TAYLOR, Jr., Cashier.

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REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF The Murchison National Bank, of Wilmington, N. C.,

At close of business Jan. 22, 1904. (Began Business March 1st, 1899.)

RESOURCES:		LIABILITIES:	
Loans and Discounts	$1,090,218 90	Capital	$ 200,000 00
U. S. Bonds (at par)	350,000 00	Surplus and net profits	113,041 46
Bank Building	30,500 00	Circulation	90,000 00
Cash on hand and in Banks	653 768 89	Deposits	1,330 436 33
	$2,123,477 79		$2,133,477 79

Comparative statement of deposits,

Jan. 22nd, 1903, $657,506 76. Jan. 22nd, 1903, $1,204,819 99 Jan. 22nd, 1904, $1,330,436 33.

H. C. McQUEEN, President,

J. V. GRAINGER, Cashier.

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DURHAM, N. C.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Concord *Tribune*: Mr. Bryan passed through Charlotte Saturday and managed to uncork a little. Just a riding round and talking, that's all.

— Goldsboro *Argus*: The farmers of this section are unusually far behind in their operations for the coming crop year, owing to the protracted spell of bad weather; but they are moving now and making things move.

— Reidsville *Review*: General Julian S. Carr is of the opinion that Grover Cleveland is the strongest man the Democrats could nominate for President. He says that Roosevelt is a strong man to contend with and he must be opposed by a greater man.

— Raleigh *Post*: A travelling salesman said Friday that in various prohibition and dispensary towns canes, with a head that can be removed and reveal a tube in the stick for liquor, are being sold. He reports that a number of them are being carried in Charlotte now.

— Tarboro *Southerner*: Louis A. Barrett, who was shot through the breast by Randall Pittman when he killed her sister, Maggie Battle, has been discharged from the hospital, convalescent. The bullet has never been extracted. The physicians, confident that it has become incysted in the back, see no good purpose to be served by cutting it out.

— John S. Andrews, keeper of the dispensary at Warrenton, is missing, and is said to have skipped the country. Andrews had been asked to resign after he had gotten mixed up in a scandal at the county jail. The dispensary commissioners began an inventory and soon found a shortage, this being in the neighborhood of $400.

— Littleton *News-Reporter*: There has not been a case of larceny for trial in Warren Superior Court for two years. This is a record of which every good citizen of the county and State has just cause to be proud. We challenge the State to show another county with such a record. Warren county is in what is known as the black belt and has a great many negroes in it, and the fact above stated does credit to their general improvement in morals.

— Wadesboro *Messenger-Intelligencer*: We regret that a bucket shop is to be opened in Wadesboro. The gambling instinct is strong enough in all of us without having it encouraged and developed by these pernicious institutions. It has developed that a boy about 17 years old, David Boone by name, cut the belt at the cotton mill last Thursday morning. The boy, we learn, says he cut the belt because he wanted a holiday so he could go rabbit hunting. Boon fearing arrest has run away.

— Elizabeth City *Economist*, Feb. 22: Rev. D. H. Tuttle received a telegram this morning announcing the death in Greenville, Va., of his cousin Rev. R. M. Tuttle. Rev. Tuttle (who was a North Carolinian) was the captain of the company which at the battle of Gettysburg in the civil war lost eighty eight out of ninety men in the celebrated charge of Cemetery Ridge. Rev. Tuttle was a Presbyterian minister and was a brave soldier and a valiant Christian.

— Kinston *Free Press*: In an interview with several of Lenoir's most successful farmers to-day the reporter learned that it is the concensus of opinion of those farmers that the acreage of tobacco planted in the county this year will not be over one-fourth what it was last year. One said that in his neighborhood, where nearly every farmer raised tobacco last year, not a single tobbaco bed was to be found. On the other hand there will be considerable increase in the acreage of cotton, a number of farmers having sold their crop already at 11 cents.

— Reidsville *News*: The Postoffice Department is in a puzzle concerning the postoffices at Leaksville and Spray. The latter has recently become a Presidential office and Dave Vernon, the Leakesville postmaster, has served his appointment. He lives in Spray, and J. D. Martin, the postmaster at Spray, lives in Leaksville. Both are candidates for re-appointment. Whether to let the two towns swap postmasters and obtain local self government as is required under a recent ruling by the President, is one phase of the subject under consideration. Such an arrangement would be hard on Martin, who has a Presidential office. Then there is a new candidate from Spray, J. Sanford Patterson, who wants to be postmaster at that place. If he wins, Martin will be sent to his home town, Leaksville, and Vernon will be the loser.

— Raleigh *Times*, Feb. 23rd: Several citizens of Wilson and Winston-Salem appeared before the Corporation Commission to-day, representing the Chamber of Commerce of Winston in regard to the matter before the Commission concerning the classification of empty hogsheads. Three representatives of the towns asked that the Corporation Commission change the classification to a lower class. After considering the matter the Corporation Commission lowered the classification, and the order will enter into effect March 4, 1904. The many friends and acquaintances of Major Watlington will be sorry to learn that he is in the land of living no more. The venerable major died in St. Augustine, Fla., yesterday. Major Watlington has been quite a prominent figure in the State. Almost everyone will remember him as being the central figure in many damage suits against the railroads. Only last fall he recovered $1,000 of the Seaboard Air Line in a suit at Greensboro. He is the same major who was hit by a flying bull knocked from the track on the S. A. L. near Apex, in this county.

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Mr. H. Haggins, of Melbourne, Fla., writes: "My doctor told me I had consumption, and nothing could be done for me. I was given up to die. The offer of a free trial bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption induced me to try it. Results were startling. I am now on the road to recovery, and owe all to Dr. King's New Discovery. It surely saved my life." This great cure is guaranteed for all Throat and Lung diseases by R. R. BELLAMY, druggist. Price 50c and $1.00. Trial bottles free.

RANGE HORSES.

Usefulness Depends Upon Their Breeding and Age When Broken.

A correspondent in a recent issue discusses western horses in a way that may mislead some of your readers. They should not overlook the fact that he qualifies his condemnation of the western horse by the words "for breeding purposes." There are good and bad range horses just as there are good and bad farm horses. Their usefulness depends somewhat on the way they have been bred and the age at which the farmer buys them, writes a western breeder in Stockman and Farmer.

As to their breeding, the worst for farm or other ordinary use is the result of a thoroughbred cross on the wild mares. This horse, when taken young and broken, is unsurpassed for a saddle horse, but let him run wild till mature and he is hard to handle and often unreliable or bad tempered.

The best western horse for farm purposes has draft blood in him, and the higher grade in this respect the better. These horses are nearly all useful. A high grade draft mare from the range is just as useful as one of corresponding quality from the farm for breeding. The range breeding doesn't make any difference in her blood.

The ordinary range horse of medium size, say 900 to 1,000 pounds, should be bought and broken when young. Then it is usually not hard to overcome its wildness and to make a reliable horse out of it, but a mature range horse is harder to break and seldom becomes a satisfactory horse unless it has been handled on the range. For ordinary work, knocking around or light farm work range horses are often the best to be had on account of their powers of endurance. They are useful and satisfactory, but not uniformly so, and they should be bought low enough to allow for the failings some of them are sure to have.

Agricultural Notes.

Blue Andalusians are said to be an excellent breed for eggs.

A fairly good onion crop appears to be the general estimate.

The New England tobacco crop is reported a light one by the New England Homestead.

One of the fine features of the New York state fair was the exhibit of bees and honey.

For an early spring crop of bunching onions plant hardy onions this fall.

Lift a little parsley and plant in the cold frame or a box to be kept in a light cellar.

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Time Table No. 16

To Take Effect Sunday, Oct. 21, 1900, at 12.01 A. M.

GOING EAST. Passg'r Trains Arrive	Passg'r Trains Leave	STATIONS.	GOING WEST. Passg'r Trains Arrive	Passg'r Trains Leave
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.
.....	4 33	Goldsboro.....	11 06	.....
6 40	5 50	Kinston.....	10 13	.....
7 06	7 07	Newbern.....	8 37	9 00
P. M.	P. M.	Morehead City..	7 23	7 37
			A. M.	A. M.

Train 4 connects with W. & W train bound North, leaving Goldsboro at 11.35 A. M., and with Southern Railway train West, leaving Goldsboro 2.00 P. M., and with W. & N. at Newbern for Wilmington and intermediate points.

Train 3 connects with Southern Railway train arriving at Goldsboro 3.00 P. M., and with W. & W. train from the North at 3.05 P. M. No. 1 train also connects with W. & N. for Wilmington and intermediate points.

oct 23 tf S. L. DILL, Supt.

SCHEDULE

CONSOLIDATED RAILWAYS,

LIGHT & POWER COMPANY.

Effective February 24, 1904

LEAVE.

Wilmington.	Wrightsville for Wil.	Beach.
*†7.00 A. M.	8.10 A. M.	.....
10.00 A. M.	11.17 A. M.	11.00 A. M.
3.00 P. M.	5.15 P. M.	5.00 P. M.
*†6.10 P. M.	7.00 P. M.	.....
10.00 P. M.	10.30 P. M.	Saturday only

*Daily except Sunday.
†Will not run beyond Wrightsville unless there are passengers for the Beach.

FREIGHT.

Freight will be received at Ninth and Orange streets depot from 9.00 to 10.00 A. M. daily except Sunday. No freight will be carried on passenger cars. feb 24 tf

ATLANTIC COAST LINE.

Schedule In Effect Jan. 10, 1904.

NORTHBOUND.

	No 48	No 42
Lv Wilmington	2 30 a m	5 50 p m
Ar Goldsboro	13 01 p m	9 22 p m
Ar Wilson	1 16 p m	10 25 p m
Ar Rocky Mount	1 55 p m	11 10 p m
Ar Norfolk	5 55 p m	.....
Ar Weldon	4 58 p m	1 43 a m
Ar Petersburg	6 55 p m	3 26 a m
Ar Richmond	7 41 p m	4 05 a m
Ar Washington	11 50 p m	7 50 a m
Ar Baltimore	1 43 a m	9 05 a m
Ar Philadelphia	4 25 a m	11 2[illegible]
Ar New York	7 30 a m	2 0[illegible]

SOUTHBOUND.

	No 41	No 43
Lv New York	9 00 a m	9 2[illegible]
Ar Philadelphia	11 55 a m	12 0[illegible]
Ar Baltimore	2 07 p m	2 3[illegible]
Ar Washington	3 31 p m	3 45 a m
Ar Norfolk	.....	3 00 p m
Ar Richmond	7 15 p m	8 35 a m
Ar Petersburg	8 06 p m	9 45 a m
Ar Weldon	9 51 p m	11 50 a m
Ar Rocky Mount	10 51 p m	1 10 p m
Ar Wilson	11 38 p m	2 00 p m
Ar Goldsboro	6 45 a m	3 10 p m
Ar Wilmington	10 10 a m	6 00 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND THE SOUTH

SOUTHBOUND

	Daily Ex. Sunday.	Daily.	Daily.
Lv Wilmington	6 00 a m	3 20 p m	6 50 p m
Ar Florence	9 28 a m	7 30 p m	1 50 a m
Ar Charleston	1 10 p m	11 25 p m	6 05 a m
Ar Savannah	6 45 p m	2 50 a m	9 15 a m
Ar Jacksonville	.....	6 40 a m	1 45 p m
Ar Tampa	.....	7 25 p m	10 25 p m

NORTHBOUND.

	Daily Ex. Sunday.	Daily
Lv Tampa	8 05 p m	3 30 a m
Ar Jacksonville	8 00 a m	7 00 p m
Ar Savannah	1 10 p m	1 15 a m
Ar Charleston	8 14 p m	6 50 a m
Ar Florence	7 59 p m	9 25 a m
Ar Wilmington	11 45 p m	1 40 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND SANFORD

	West Bound Daily	East Bound Daily
Lv Wilmington	9 10 a m	Ar 8 00 p m
Ar Fayetteville	12 15 p m	Ar 4 55 p m
Ar Sanford	1 55 p m	Lv 3 40 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND NEWBERN

	North Bound Daily ex Sunday	South Bound
Lv Wilmington	2 25 p m	Ar 12 35 p m
Ar Newbern	5 40 p m	Lv 9 00 a m

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W. J. CRAIG, Gen'l Passenger Agent.

H. M. Emerson, Traffic Manager.

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Seaboard Air Line Railroad.

Schedule in Effect Jan. 10, 1904.

TRAIN 39 Leaves Wilmington 2:10 p. m, arrive Lumberton 5:35 p. m., Pembroke 6:00 p. m. Maxton 6:40 p. m. Hamlet 7:25 p. m. arrive Charlotte 10:45 p. m.

TRAIN 15 Leaves Wilmington 9:00 p m, arrives Lumberton 2:15 a m, Pembroke 2:35 a m, Maxton 4:05 a m, Hamlet 5:00 a m.

TRAIN 40 Leaves Charlotte 5:01 a m, Hamlet 6:40 a m, arrives Maxton 9:25 a m, Pembroke 10:02 a m, Lumberton 10:27 a m, Wilmington 12:40 p m.

TRAIN 14 Leaves Hamlet 10:45 p m, arrives Maxton 12:25 a m, Pembroke 1:20 a m, Lumberton 2:15 a m, Wilmington 7:00 a m.

WESTBOUND FROM HAMLET.

Hamlet	7 35 a m	10 15 p m
Ar Monroe	9 10 a m	11 58 a m
Ar Charlotte	10 05 a m	.....
Ar Chester	10 50 a m	2 10 a m
Ar Greenwood	12 50 p m	5 17 a m
Ar Athens	3 50 p m	8 55 a m
Ar Atlanta	8 55 p m	7 30 a m

SOUTHBOUND FROM HAMLET.

Lv Hamlet	7 15 a m 10 10 p m
Ar Columbia	10 30 a m 1 00 a m
Ar Savannah	9 00 p m 4 45 a m
Ar Jacksonville	7 00 p m 9 40 a m
Ar Tampa	6 15 a m 6 35 p m

NORTHBOUND FROM HAMLET.

Lv Hamlet	10 30 p m 6 50 a m
Ar Raleigh	1 15 a m 11 33 a m
Ar Norfolk	8 25 a m 1 30 p m
Ar Norfolk	7 50 a m 5 30 p m

Lv Hamlet	10 30 p m	7 30 a m
Ar Raleigh	1 15 a m	10 55 a m
Ar Norfolk	8 25 a m	1 30 p m
Ar Richmond	5 10 a m	4 55 p m
Ar Washington	9 50 a m	8 20 p m
Ar Baltimore	11 54 p m	11 35 p m
Ar New York	4 15 p m	6 50 p m

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SOUTHBOUND.

Lv New York	12 55 p m
Lv Jersey City	1 15 p m
Lv Philadelphia	3 25 p m
Lv Baltimore	5 45 p m
Lv Washington	7 00 p m
Lv Richmond	10 25 p m
Ar Raleigh (Johnson St)	2 10 a m
Ar Southern Pines	3 54 a m
Lv Hamlet	4 50 a m
Ar Camden	6 35 a m
Ar Columbia (S. T.)	8 00 a m
Lv Columbia (C. T.)	6 30 a m
Ar Savannah	9 45 a m
Ar Thalmann	11 04 a m
Ar Jacksonville	1 30 p m
Lv Jacksonville	1 30 p m
Ar St. Augustine	3 30 p m

NORTHBOUND.

Lv St. Augustine	12 10 p m
Ar Jacksonville	1 10 p m
Lv Jacksonville	4 20 p m
Lv Thalmann	8 07 P M
Lv Savannah	5 00 p m
Ar Columbia (C. T.)	8 30 p m
Lv Columbia (S. T.)	9 25 p m
Lv Camden	10 14 p m
Ar Hamlet	11 55 p m
Ar Southern Pines	12 45 p m
Lv Raleigh	2 40 a m
Ar Richmond	6 45 a m
Ar Washington	10 10 a m
Ar Baltimore	11 32 a m
Ar Philadelphia	1 [illegible] p m
Ar Jersey City	4 55 p m
Ar New York	4 15 p m

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WILMINGTON, N. C.

THURSDAY MORNING. FEB. 25.

JAPAN NEGOTIATES TREATY WITH COREA.

Regarded as One of the Cleverest Diplomatic Moves That Have Yet Been Made in the Eastern Question.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—Secretary Hay has received information that Japan has negotiated a treaty with Corea, whereby she guarantees the independence and integrity of Corea.

This is regarded here as one of the cleverest of the many startling diplomatic moves that have been made in connection with the whole Eastern question. The effect is to place Japan on a high moral plane, for it is understood here that this treaty is an announcement to the world that even if she prevails in her struggle with Russia, involving military occupation of Corea, Japan will take no advantage of that fact, but will maintain the independence of the hermit kingdom.

On the other hand the Russian note complaining of the violation of Corean neutrality by Japan is believed here to be intended to pave the way for future heavy reclamations; indeed, involving the seizure of Corea and its annexation for violation of neutrality in the event that Russia triumphs in the present struggle.

No details of the new Japanese-Corean treaty have been announced at the State Department. It is known, however, that Corea in return gives Japan extensive military rights and the officials here regard the negotiation of the treaty as a declaration by Japan of her protectorate over the Hermit kingdom, and a move which has long been expected. It is supposed that Japan is given the right to fortify Corea in any way she wishes and practically assume control of all Corea's defences.

This declaration of a protectorate over Corea by Japan of course removes Corea from the rank of neutral powers and makes the Hermit kingdom as legitimate a field for military operations as Japan itself.

STARCH FACTORY EXPLOSION.

Plant of a Sugar Refining Co.—Three Men Killed and Eighteen Injured. Building Valued at $250,000.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHICAGO, Feb. 24.—Three men were killed and eighteen injured to-night in an explosion that wrecked the starch mill of the Warner Sugar Refining Company, at Waukegan, Ills. It is possible that the number of dead will exceed three but it will be at least a fortnight before the wreckage of the mill can be cleaned up in such a manner that it can be positively known that no more bodies are in the debris. The reports of the dead run all the way from three to twenty-five. The evidence, however, is in favor of the lower number. The injured are mostly Poles and Bohemians. None of them will die.

The plant of the Warner Sugar Refining Company is extensive and is valued at $2,500,000. The total number of men employed is 600 and the capacity of the starch mill is 18,000 bushels of starch daily. The [illegible] mill, which was entirely destroyed by the force of the explosion, was a brick building four stories high, two hundred feet long by one hundred feet wide. The structure with the machinery it contained was valued at $250,000. The building and all it contained is a total loss. No definite cause is known for the explosion. The force of the explosion was terrific, windows for half a mile away being smashed into bits.

SPECULATORS WIPED OUT.

Sensational Break in the Cotton Market at New Orleans.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 24.—Rumors on top of rumors were the chief cause of a sensational break in the cotton market to-day. Early in the day, after a brilliant opening with prices strongly on an upward trend, dispatches came from New York saying that the bull leaders were selling out. Prices promptly showed weakness. When the market had recovered to an extent, more rumors came, this time telling of numerous failures in the capitals of Europe. Prices fell until at the close they were 74 to 79 points lower than the lowest level of the day and 47 to 50 points lower than the close of yesterday in March, May and July. At one time, prices were 93 points lower than the highest levels in May and July, but toward the close the market had a sold-out appearance. It was also quieter. The big bulls were as calm and confident as ever, but scores of smaller speculators had been wiped out in the breaks of the day.

THE MEDICAL MEN.

Officers Elected by the Tri-State Association at Danville, Va.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

DANVILLE, VA., Feb. 24.—The sixth annual convention of the Tri-State Medical Association of the Carolinas and Virginia adjourned this evening after two days session here. The officers elected are: President, Dr. W. L. Robinson, Danville, Va.; vice presidents, Dr. Southgate Leigh, Norfolk, Va.; Dr. H. A. Royster, Raleigh, N. C.; Dr. Defoix Wilson, Spartanburg, S. C.; secretary and treasurer, Dr. R. E. Hughes, Laurens, S. C. The convention next year will be held at Greensboro, N. C., during the month of February.

The local Academy of Medicine tendered the visiting physicians a banquet to-night.

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JAPANESE ATTACK ON PORT ARTHUR.

Attempted to Send Steamers Filled With Explosives Among the Russian Fleet.

FIRESHIPS DID NO DAMAGE.

Were Destroyed by the Fire of Russian Guns—Two Boats Escorting the Fireships Were Also Destroyed—Wild Rumors Afloat.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 24, 12:10 A. M.—The wildest rumors have been afloat here regarding the reported Japanese repulse at Port Arthur, but up to midnight nothing official could be learned. An official bulletin, however, is expected soon. It is reported, unofficially, that the Japanese while attempting to land at Pigeon Bay lost two cruisers and two transports.

LONDON, Feb. 24.—A dispatch to Reuter's Telegram Company, from St. Petersburg, sent at 11 o'clock to-night, says that on February 23rd the Japanese attempted to send four steamers filled with explosives among the Russian fleet in Port Arthur harbor. The fireships did no damage and were themselves destroyed, two being sunk and two going ashore. Two Japanese boats escorting the fireships were destroyed by Russian guns.

Another Version.

LONDON, Feb. 24.—A dispatch to the "Central News" from St. Petersburg gives another version of the reported Japanese defeat at Port Arthur, according to which the Japanese planned to sink some barges in the strait leading from the outer to the inner harbor of Port Arthur, thus blocking the exit. The Russian gunfire, however, sunk the barges before they arrived at the intended spot.

PARIS, Feb. 24.—The Russian embassy here has received a communication to the effect that a Japanese squadron, during the night of February 24th, tried to block the entrance of Port Arthur harbor at the same time attacking Russian warships there with torpedo boats and trying to set them on fire. The battleship Retvizan, supported by the coast batteries, repelled this attack, forced the Japanese to retire and succeeded in sinking four of their vessels.

The news of this Russian victory was posted in the lobbies of the Chamber of Deputies and the Senate during the sitting to-day and caused great enthusiasm.

Conflicting Accounts.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 25, 2:12 A. M.—Reports of a Russian victory at Port Arthur were current late yesterday afternoon and early in the evening, but the stories of the dimensions of this victory were most conflicting and confusing in character.

The most circumstantial report was that the Japanese had attempted to bottle Admiral Stark's fleet in Port Arthur by sinking two stone laden vessels at the entrance of the harbor, employing the tactics which were considered, but not executed, by the late Admiral W. T. Sampson, U. S. N., with the Merrimac at Santiago during the Spanish-American war. According to this account two Japanese ships appeared off the harbor with a Japanese fleet behind them and ostensibly in pursuit. The Russians, however, suspected a ruse and their ships steamed out, sank the stone-laden vessels, engaged and defeated the enemy and [illegible] reports of the loss inflicted, however, are conflicting.

All the stories include the feature of the vessels loaded with stones, but according to some versions the Japanese fleet was conveying troops with the purpose of effecting a landing at Pigeon Bay and after the failure of this preliminary manœuvre, the Russians played havoc with both the Japanese warships and the troops, sinking four of the former and two of the latter. One account gives the name of the battleship Retvizan as the vessel which particularly distinguished herself during the action by ramming and sinking one of the Japanese battleships.

Rumors of this victory were spread far and wide over the city during the early portion of the evening, and the crowds which had gathered in the streets in spite of the cold to discuss the news were greatly excited.

The news of the victory was accompanied by two stories—one that after the first decisive Russian victory the Emperor would offer peace, and the other that Japan had deposed the Emperor of Corea and formally annexed that country. Both these reports are without confirmation and they are given simply as examples of the stories which floated about in the excited crowds.

Instead of diminishing, the crowds at the admiralty and newspaper and telegraph agencies offices kept increasing, and excitement attained the fever point when it was known definitely that the Emperor had received a telegram giving more details and showing that the Russian victory was even greater than was at first reported. Newspaper messengers waited at the admiralty with fast horses ready to carry away the news which it was known was being prepared. When the sheets were finally distributed at 2:30 o'clock this morning a rush was made for the exits and the assembled officers cheered wildly and repeatedly. The crowds showed no inclination to disperse, hoping that further news would be received, showing the exact extent of the Russian victory.

It must be observed that in his dispatch Viceroy Alexieff does not mention the number of steamers which the Japanese tried to sink or drive upon the Russian ships, and it is not yet known whether the four vessels the captain of the Retvizan observed going down, in addition to the two destroyed, were also laden with inflammables or whether they were warships.

The greatest praise is given to the commander of the Retvizan, and the splendid action of this American built vessel places her name foremost on the roll of the Russian navy.

Viceroy Alexieff's dispatch was an amplification of a briefer telegram received by the Emperor earlier, but which was not given out.

Later it was said that Russia sustained no losses in the engagement.

It is evident that Vice Admiral Stark no longer commands the Russian Port Arthur naval forces, Viceroy Alexieff mentioning a temporary commander of the fleet without giving any name.

Stories to the effect that the Japanese designed an attempt at landing in Pigeon Bay at the same time that the engagement occurred are not mentioned in the dispatches, but it is assumed these are without foundation.

Admiral Togo's Fleet.

WEI HAI-WEI, Feb. 24.—Four Japanese battleships and nine cruisers passed this port to-day, bound eastward. The fleet which passed Wei-Hai-Wei to-day is supposed to have been Admiral Togo's fleet leaving Port Arthur.

Reports from Corea.

TOKIO, Feb. 24.—Reliable reports from Northern Corea indicate that the Russians have not yet crossed the Yalu river. Their scouts have, it is rumored, penetrated into the country south of Wiju, but the main force still remains north of the river. The Japanese seem to be confident that the Russians are unable to assemble in sufficient force to attempt a movement into Corea. The Russian strength north of the Yalu is variously estimated at from twenty to forty thousand.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 25, 2:45 P. M.—A telegram from Viceroy Alexieff to the Czar says:

"At a quarter before three in the morning of February 23rd numerous Japanese torpedo boats attempted to attack the battleship Retvizan and sink large steamers loaded with inflammables. The Retzivan was the first to observe the torpedo boats, and opened a strong fire on them. She was supported by the land batteries. She destroyed two steamers near the entrance of the harbor; they were coming directly towards her. One of them went on the rocks near the light-house on Tiger peninsula, and the other sank under Golden Hill. The Retzivan observed four steamers in a sinking condition, and eight torpedo boats departing slowly to rejoin the waiting Japanese warships. A portion of the crews of the Japanese vessels was drowned. The grounded steamer is still burning. The enemy is observed in the offing of Port Arthur in two lines."

"The Japanese crews saved themselves in boats, and it is possible that some of them were picked up by the enemy's torpedo boats.

"I am proceeding to examine the coasts. The entrance of the harbor is open. I attribute the complete derangement of the enemy's plan to the brilliant action and destructive fire of the Retvizan. Floating mines are still visible in the roadstead. I have recalled the three cruisers sent in pursuit of the enemy, in order, in the first place, to clear the roadstead of floating mines. We had no losses."

SHANGHAI, Feb. 24.—It is reported that the Chinese foreign office has agreed to allow the Russian gunboat Mandjur to remain at Shanghai on the condition that she dismantles her rudder and draws her fires.

SEOUL, Feb. 24.—The Russians are keeping communication between Wiju and Anju, Corea, open. Otherwise no advance to the southward has yet been made. Russian spies, however, are reported to be in the vicinity of Ping Yang.

Japanese Loan.

TOKIO, Feb. 24.—According to the reports of local banks, the national loan of 100,000,000 yen ($49,800,000) has been covered nearly four times. The intense patriotism of all classes is evinced by the fact that even servants and laborers are contributing from their savings.

CHE FOO, Feb. 24.—The steamer Governeur Jaeschi, while passing Port Arthur at 3 o'clock this morning, heard heavy firing in that direction. There is a persistent rumor abroad that several Japanese warships have been disabled, but so far it is unconfirmed. Another steamer, passing Dalny about the same time that the Governeur Jaeschi was off Port Arthur, reported that she heard no firing. Thirteen Japanese warships are said to have passed Wei-Hai-Wei to-day, heading east. There were 16 ships in the original fleet.

PARIS, Feb. 25—In a dispatch from Harbin, the correspondent of the "Matin" says that the Japanese, in an attempt to repeat at Port Arthur the experiment made by the Americans at Santiago, sent in three merchant ships to be sunk in the entrance to the harbor. The Russian battleship Retvizan, although she was still stranded perceived them and sank them before this design could be carried out.

The Other Side.

LONDON, Feb. 25.—Viceroy Alexieff's dispatch to the Czar [illegible] clearing up the doubts caused by the numerous sensational versions of the last Port Arthur affair, was received in London too late to be published in early editions of the morning papers, but it confirms the opinion founded upon earlier rumors that Admiral Togo made a daring attempt to bottle up the Russian fleet at Port Arthur, and although Viceroy Alexieff asserts that the entrance to the harbor of Port Arthur is still free, the fact that Admiral Togo's fleet, minus the vessels injured in the courageous exploit, was seen steaming at full speed in a southeast course from Wei-Hai-Wei, is interpreted as an indication of the Japanese admiral's satisfaction with the accomplishment of his design.

It is pointed out here that it would be difficult for the Russians, in the darkness of night, to ascertain just what had happened to Japanese vessels, or to distinguish between hulks it was their intention to sink and torpedo boats. As two injured vessels were observed steaming slowly away from Port Arthur, and as the Japanese fleet was going at full speed off Wei-Hai-Wei, it is presumed that the two injured vessels might have gone elsewhere to repair.

Another explanation of the incompleteness of Admiral Togo's squadron as seen off Wei-Hai-Wei is that he possibly left some vessels to watch off Port Arthur.

Further details of this engagement from independent sources are awaited with the greatest interest, but it is believed that the reports that Japanese battleships or transports are sunk should be taken with a degree of allowance.

A dispatch received here from Tokio this morning explains the recent suspension of Japanese naval operations to have been chiefly due to bad weather prevailing in the Gulf of Pe-Chi-Li, where there have been heavy winds, snow storms and fogs.

The general opinion in London is that Admiral Togo, after possibly returning to Japan to effect repairs, will next devote his attention to the Russian Vladivostok squadron.

Cabling from Tokio a correspondent of the "Times" says the Russian movements on the Yalu are not considered serious in Japan, where the town of Ping Yang Yank, Corea, is considered safe.

PIANO WORKS BURNED.

The Phelps Company's Plant Destroyed. Loss $150,000.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Feb. 24.—Fire in the factory of the Phelps Piano Company's dry kiln in Brockport early to-day threatened for four hours to destroy the entire business section of that place and resulted finally in a total estimated loss of $150,000. The flames spread across the street after destroying the Phelps Piano Company's works and attacked and destroyed the Moores' subscription agency, a two-story frame building which covered a large area.

The body of Baron Martin Von Schlosser, formerly an officer in the German army and for many years a resident of Port Angeles, Wash., has been found on the range south of the Hot Springs near the body of a dead bear. The baron undoubtedly had been killed by the bear while hunting.

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HOUSE DEBATED THE NAVAL BILL.

Agricultural Appropriation Bill Discussed the Greater Part of the Day in Senate.

NAVY BUILDING PROGRAMME.

Burton of Ohio Moved to Strike Out Provision for a New Battleship—The Motion Served as Text for Several Republican Speeches.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—The Senate spent the greater part of the day discussing an amendment to the Agricultural appropriation bill, striking out the House provision giving authority to the secretary of agriculture to inspect imported food products when misbranded or suspected of impurity.

The amendment was suggested by Mr. Aldrich. He attacked the provision on the ground that it opened the way for an encroachment by the secretary of agriculture upon the duties of the secretary of the treasury and was calculated to cause a duplication in the service of the two officials. Mr. Aldrich was supported in his contention by a number of senators, including Messrs. Lodge, Beveridge and Patterson. Mr. Proctor, in charge of the bill, defended the provision and had the aid of Messrs. Dolliver, McComas, Bacon and others. This discussion was closed by substituting the provision of the act of 1900 bearing upon the same point.

The consideration of the bill practically was concluded, but final action upon it was postponed until to-morrow.

During the discussion Mr. Tillman suggested that the bill be amended in such manner as would transfer the discretion of passing upon impure foods from the secretary of agriculture to the secretary of the treasury. "So far as I am concerned," he said, "I feel perfectly safe so long as the two gentlemen from Iowa, the secretary of the treasury and the secretary of agriculture, are looking after our stomachs by shutting out impure food, but I am preparing for that time when Iowa has not that matter in charge."

Mr. Perkins said that California was much interested in the proper investigation into the purity of imported foods, and he mentioned, incidentally, that cotton seed oil was frequently imported as olive oil. This caused Mr. Tillman to ask whether olive oil was any sweeter or better than cotton seed oil, and Mr. Perkins replied that while cotton seed oil might suit the Italian taste and of some people, he insisted that the article should be properly labelled.

"Does the senator know California champagne from the European article?" asked Mr. Tillman, and Mr. Perkins replied: "If the senator from South Carolina will bring on the samples I will let him know." This caused a laugh at Mr. Tillman's expense, and Mr. Perkins added that if he should ever "take anything stronger than coffee he would not be disloyal to the products of his own State."

A resolution offered by Mr. Daniel, directing the Committee on Judiciary to inquire into the expediency of enacting a law "providing against the acceptance, holding or receipt of the pay, allowance or emolument of any executive office, agency or commission by a senator or representative in Congress while serving as such senator or representative," was adopted. [illegible] Senate adjourned until to-morrow.

House of Representatives.

Two storm centres were encountered in the Naval Appropriation bill, which was the continued object of discussion in the House to-day. First, the Great Lakes training station went out of the bill on a point of order after a wordy battle at the beginning of the day, and the building programme proposed in the bill was then submitted to criticism and blocked further progress of the measure for the day. Mr. Burton, of Ohio, moved to strike out the provision for the single battleship authorized. This motion is now pending. It served as a text for several Republican speeches, in which Mr. Burton was declared not to be in line with his party.

In the event of the defeat of this motion, and the acceptance of the whole building programme, a movement is to be made to morrow by Representative Meyer, of Louisiana, to have the bill recommitted to the Naval Committee with the following instructions:

First, to provide for a coaling station and dock at Olongapo, P. I., instead of a naval station; second, to eliminate the provision for two armored cruisers; third, to place a limit of $398 per ton as a maximum price for armor plate, with the provision for an armor plate factory to cost over $4,000,000, if the armor cannot be procured within the limit prescribed; fourth, that all vessels provided for under the head of "increase of the navy," except the battleship, be constructed in the government navy yards.

Mr. Burton justified his position by comparing the battleship construction this year with that of other nations of the world. Our construction was larger than usual. In naval expenses the United States was, he said, with the exception of Great Britain, fifty per cent. ahead of any European nation.

Mr. Roberts, of Massachusetts, quoted President Roosevelt as saying: "The American people must tread softly, but carry a big club," and maintained that this "club" was a big navy.

Mr. Maynard, of Virginia, advocated even a larger building programme than was contained in the bill.

Mr. Rixey, of Virginia, advocated the adoption of the Burton amendment.

Mr. Grosvenor, of Ohio, read the plank on the navy in the Ohio Republican platform of 1903, endorsing the policy of developing the navy. This plank, he said, Mr. Burton had certainly endorsed.

Mr. W. W. Kitchin asked if this was the national platform. "Oh, no," replied Mr. Grosvenor, "I am just appealing to my brother to get back."

"I don't want to interfere in the least with an Ohio family quarrel," remarked Mr. Kitchin, amid laughter.

"Peace on earth and good will among men depended on good ships and good guns," Mr. Grosvenor announced as his doctrine.

The House adjourned until to-morrow.

Moy Lung, a well-dressed young Chinaman, was sent to jail in Richmond, Va., to await trial on a charge of falsely representing himself to be a government inspector of Chinese naturalization papers, and procuring money from local Celestials as such pretended official.

The seven masted schooner Thomas W. Lawson, which went ashore at Point Breeze below Newport News, Va., was still hard aground at a late hour last night. No damage has been done to the vessel and she is considered to be in no danger.

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A RUSSIAN PROCLAMATION.

Issued Throughout Manchuria—A Warning to the Inhabitants.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

YINKOW, Feb. 24.—Viceroy Alexieff has caused a proclamation to be issued throughout Manchuria notifying the Chinese that Russia is at war with Japan on account of Japan's treacherous attack on the Russian fleet.

This proclamation is under six headings. It warns the inhabitants that they must prevent the encroachment of Chinese on Russian territory.

Russian and Chinese interests are declared to be identical, but as China says she wishes to maintain neutrality, therefore all officials in Manchuria, instead of hindering, must assist the Russian army.

The people shall continue their occupations, and shall treat the Russian troops with confidence.

The railroad and telegraphs are left to the protection of the people who will be held responsible in case they are injured.

The fifth heading warns the people not to obey the threats of the Chunchus (bandits) who are the curse of Manchuria, but to assist the troops to exterminate them; if they do not assist in this they also will be treated as robbers. Sixth. If the people antagonize the troops or show them hatred, they will exterminate them without mercy. The government is taking all steps, in any event to protect its interests.

The proclamation makes an earnest appeal [illegible] in the present crisis.

FIGHT BETWEEN SAILORS.

Men from an American and a Spanish Warship at St. Thomas—Several Wounded—Americans Won.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

ST. THOMAS, D. W. I., Feb. 24.—A fight occurred here yesterday afternoon between sailors from a Spanish warship and an American warship, which resulted in the wounding of several men and an ultimate victory for the Americans.

The fight originated when a seaman from the United States cruiser Columbia jostled a sailor from the Spanish cruiser Rio de La Plata, as he passed him in the street. The Spaniard was with a companion from his ship, as was the American sailor, and all the men were on shore liberty. The Spanish sailor drew a stiletto and seriously wounded the American who had brushed against him. Other men from the Columbia who were on shore gathered around their companions and attacked the two Spaniards who defended themselves with their knives and succeeded in slightly wounding several other Americans. They finally escaped, ran to the wharf and jumped into the water. They were picked up by a harbor boat and taken on board their warship. The wounded American sailor is in a hospital here in a critical condition.

WARM WIRELETS.

Six miners have been killed by a snow slide near the Augusta mine, nine miles from Crested Butte, Colorado.

Admiral Evans has cabled the Navy Department that he will sail for home about March 26th on the battleship Kentucky.

Fire has destroyed the principal business block at New Decatur, Ala. The loss to the eight firms is about $150,000.

The warehouse belonging to the Arkansas Carpet and Furniture Company at Little Rock was burned yesterday. Loss $75,000.

The British naval estimates for 1904-05 total $184,445,000; a net increase of $12,160,000 over the estimates for 1903-04.

The President sent to the Senate yesterday the following nomination: Postmaster: North Carolina—Richard M. Normen, Lumberton.

The Ohio Republican legislative caucus yesterday afternoon nominated Gen. Charles M. Dick to succeed Senator Hanna by unanimous acclamation.

Charles F. Mayer, formerly president of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, died yesterday, aged 70. Mr. Mayer was for many years a leading financier in Baltimore.

Preparations are under way for the settlement of a colony of more than 2,000 Italians from New York, at Palermo forty miles from Mobile on the line of the Southern Railway.

Colonel Potts, commanding at Fort Monroe, Va., telegraphs that Chaplain Thomas W. Barry, U. S. A., died at that place. He was born in Canada and entered the army from Kansas.

President Roosevelt received 250 members of the Southern branch of the National Dental Association in the east room of the White House yesterday. The organization is holding its annual session in Washington City.

THE ISTHMIAN COMMISSION.

Five of President Roosevelt's Appointees Have Accepted—Expects to Complete the Personnel To-day.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—President Roosevelt has received definite acceptances from five of his appointees on the new isthmian canal commission. Those who have accepted are Rear Admiral John G. Walker, United States navy, retired; General George W. Davis, U. S. A., retired; Colonel Frank Hecker, of Detroit, director of transportation during the Spanish-American war; Wm. Barclay Parsons, engineer of the New York sub way, and Wm. H. Burr, professor of engineering at Columbia University of New York and at one time a member of the Walker isthmian canal commission.

It is quite likely although it has not been determined absolutely yet, that the other two members of the commission will be Benjamin M. Harrid of New Orleans, an engineer of the Mississippi river commission, and C. E. Wald Grunsky, of San Francisco, a distinguished hydraulic engineer.

The President expects to complete the personnel of the commission very soon, perhaps to-morrow. He will send the appointments immediately to the Senate for confirmation.

By a vote of 42 to 33, the lower house of the Mississippi Legislature yesterday defeated a resolution to invite former President Cleveland to address that body.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

☞ Notices For Rent or Sale, Lost or Found, Wants, and other short Miscellaneous Advertisements inserted in this Department, in solid Nonpariel Type, for 1 cent per word each insertion; but no advertisement taken for less than 20 cents. Terms positively cash in advance

Cape Fear Camp No. 254, is hereby summoned to meet at the W. L. I Armory at 3:30 this afternoon to attend the funeral services of our late comrade, Solomon Bear, a former member of the old German volunteers. By order of W. J. Woodward, Commander. A. L. DeHosset, Adjutant. feb 25 1t

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Twenty-five bunches Bananas on hand. Must be sold, 18, 20 and 25 cents dozen, at Farriss', 109 South Front street. feb 24 tf

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Freight—Suburban Trolley Line—After February 24th, freight will be received at Ninth and Orange streets Depot from 9 to 10 o'clock A. M. Daily except Sunday. No freight will be carried on passenger trains. Consolidated Railways, Light and Power Company. feb 23 3t

Wanted—Men or women local representatives for a high class magazine. Large commissions. Cash prizes. Write J. N. Trainer, 30 East Washington Square, New York, N. Y. feb 20 3t

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Comfortable accommodations and good board at Virginia House, 118 Market street, over Taylor's Bazaar. ($3.5) per week. feb 5 1m

The Only Restaurant is prepared to accommodate any number for breakfast, dinner and supper at the reasonable price of 25 cents each meal. Also special attention given to short orders at any time, day or night. ja 26 tf

Sewing Machines, Typewriters, Organs repaired. Will be in town for a few days only. Address J. B. Farrar, No. 9 South Eighth street. dec 30 tf

For Sale—Two turpentine stills in good working condition—one especially good. Cheap for cash. O. W. Worth, receiver. dec 15 tf

For Sale—Finest Berkshires. Three brood sows, two of them bred to farrow in March, two 7 months gilts, two 7 months boars, five sucking boar pigs, two boars 13 months old. Bargains in each lot till January 1st. L. L. Seller, Wilmington, N. C. dec 6 3 mos.

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Commissioner's Sale.

By virtue of a decree of the Court of New Hanover county, in the case of Joseph Turner and Emma Torner vs. Whitfield Turner and Richard Turner, the undersigned commissioner will sell to the highest bidder at public auction for cash, on Thursday, the 3rd day of March, 1904, at the Court House door in the City of Wilmington, the following property: Beginning in the northern line of Campbell street 41¼ feet west of the western line of Eighth street, runs thence west with the northern line of Campbell street 41¼ feet; thence north parallel with Eighth street 86 feet; thence east parallel with Campbell street 41¼ feet; thence south parallel with Eighth street 86 feet, to the beginning, being part of Lot 5, Block 52.

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Lot No. 1, full size, long length, at $3.69.

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Lot No. 3, a very good coat, at $4.50.

Lot No. 4, about twenty different styles in samples, closed out lot of special value, each at $5.00.

Also a better lot at $6.50, $8.00 and $10.00, each of which we will sell at reduced prices.

In men's clothing we mean to sell our winter goods. If a man is interested in a fine suit of clothes at a small price, good style and fit guaranteed, we will save him money and give him up-to-date merchandise.

The red hot prices we are putting on our winter clothing to sell them out before the season is over is wonderful. In some cases much less than first cost. I figure that it is better to sell them than to pack them up. Can I do you any good? If so, give our clothing a look.

We are showing a nice line of spring pants that we are offering at certainly very reasonable prices, considering the new styles that they represent. We have a lot of odds and ends in men's pants, regular value $1.25 and $1.50. To close out this lot, we are offering them for $1.00 a pair. We have a line of solid colors in men's pants, black and blue, made of Melton cloth, all wool, at $1.50 a pair.

Men's Hats

In this department we have a great assortment. We have a big line of samples of men's hats which we are selling at first cost. You can buy from this line a $1.50 hat for $1, a $1.25 hat for 75c., a 50c. hat for 38c., a 25c. hat for 19c. As to variety of styles, you can get anything you want.

Job in men's unlaundried shirts, slightly soiled by handling, worth 50c., for 38c.

Job No. 2 in men's underwear—Undershirts and pants at 20c. each; 50c. heavy fleeced shirts and pants at 38c. each; red flannel shirts and pants at 38c. Men's and women's sample underwear at one-fourth off. Men's linen collars at 4c. each; a waterproof collar at 5c. each. Good seamless socks for men, black and colored, 5c. a pair.

One hundred pair of fine imported Geyo suspenders, worth 50c. a pair, now on sale at 28c. a pair.

Men's and Boys' Gloves

Fine silk-lined kid gloves for men, best value at $1.00; am overstocked and will sell at 65c. a pair. Nice kid gloves in boy's sizes at 50c. a pair. Engineers' and firemen's gloves, worth $1 a pair, we are selling at 75c. a pair. A splendid line of boys' gloves and mits at 25c. a pair. Men's heavy gloves at 25c. a pair.

Men's laundried Madras shirts, with two collars and one pair of cuffs, cheap at 50c., now 38c. each.

Ladies' Wrappers.

We have just put on sale a nice line of new up-to-date styles in wrappers which are well made and good value, prices 75c, $1.00, $1.19, $1.25 and $1.89, in assorted colors, including black and white. In our ladies' cloaks, take your choice at one-fourth off of the first price, which represents less than first cost to us. A $5.00 cloak would be $3.75 to you. A new style military cloak, the latest fad, worth $10.00, means $7.50 to you. Sweaters reduced 25 per cent. Plenty of new and pretty skirts from $1.00 up.

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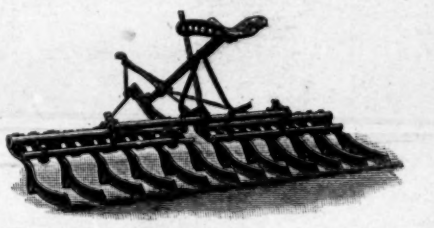

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